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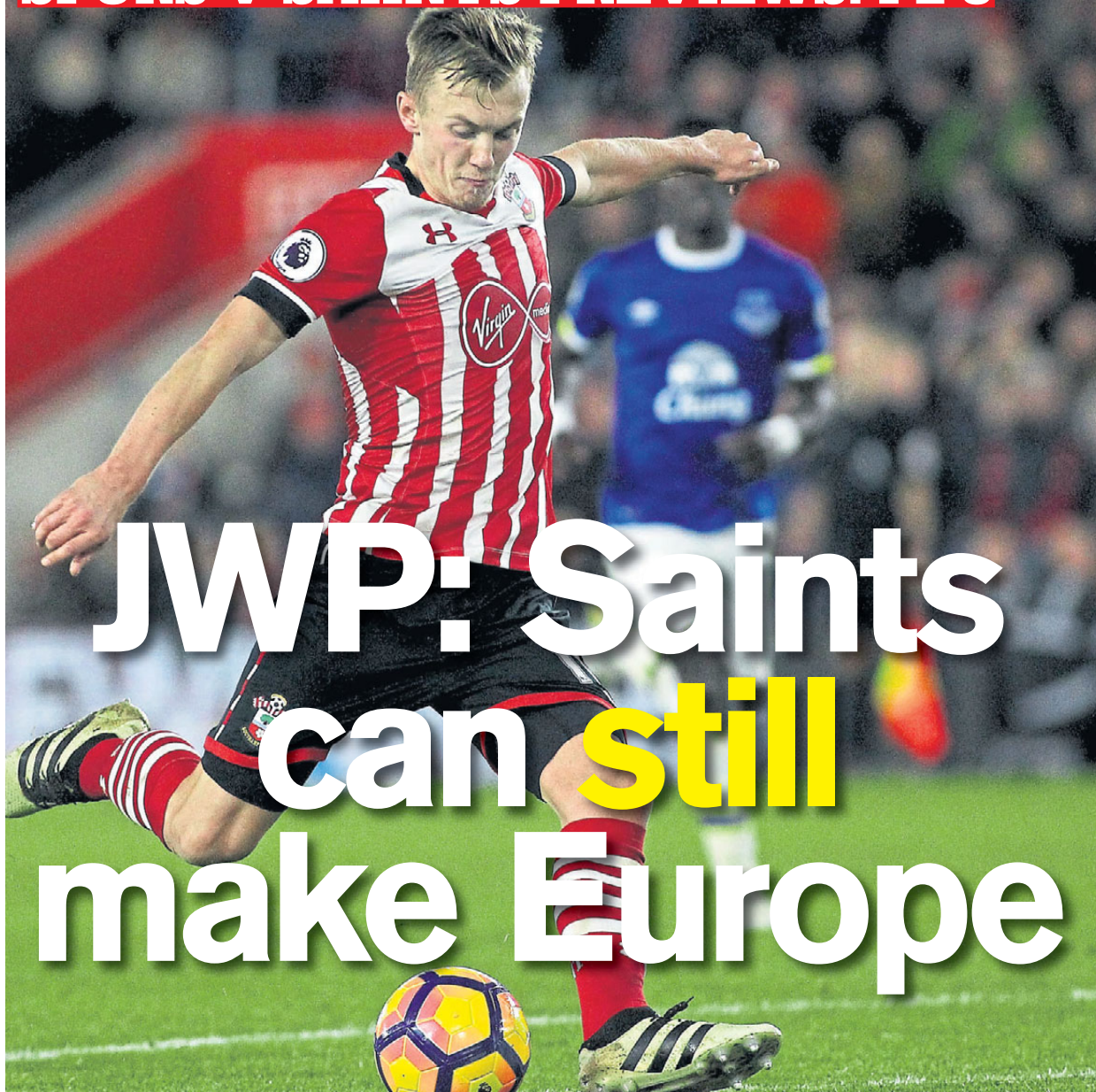
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## Puel wary of Tottenham firepower

Saints boss Claude Puel remains wary of Tottenham's firepower despite the absence of Harry Kane.

Saints head to White Hart Lane on Sunday to face a Spurs side missing their 19-goal top scorer through injury.

But Puel knows only too well about their attacking prowess after his side were thumped 4-1 at home by Tottenham in December.

Dele Alli scored twice that day and Son Heung-min was also on target along with Kane.

Kane also missed a penalty as Spurs hit back from conceding early on to a Virgil Van Dijk header.

Puel said: "Of course Kane is an important player for them, but they have other solutions, with Son, Alli, (Vincent) Janssen, (Christian) Eriksen.

"They have many offensive players of quality so they can



Claude Puel

do without him.

"It's a good game, a good challenge for us. A difficult game, but we like this game, the possibility to see if we have made progress since the beginning of the season - and since the winter when we lost at home to them.

"They were superior then and now it's interesting to see our progress."

Puel has his own in-form striker to give Tottenham something to worry about in the shape of Manolo Gabbiadini.

The Italian has scored six times in his first four Saints appearances since his £14million move from Napoli in January.

But Puel says there is more to Gabbiadini than goals and saluted his all-round contribution since his arrival on the south coast.

"The profile of Manolo was interesting for us because he's a clinical player," he said.

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# Saints' finale at

By Simon Carter



THIS weekend sees Saints play their final ever game at Tottenham's famous White Hart Lane stadium.

Next season, they will be visiting Wembley to face Spurs while the finishing touches are put on the latter's sparkling new 61,000 seater venue.

With less than 1,000 seats more than arch rivals Arsenal's Emirates Stadium, Tottenham's new ground will be the biggest club ground in London.

Tottenham aren't moving far - the new ground is being built literally a stone's throw from White Hart Lane, the stadium the club have called home since 1899.

The cost of the new stadium has been estimated at around £700m - compare that to the £32m it cost Saints to build St Mary's in 2001.

Tottenham are aiming to financially benefit from a deal which will see two NFL American Football matches played at their new ground for a decade.

That will give the club a chance of boosting their share of a potentially lucrative Stateside market.

Down the years, Saints have been involved in some great matches at White Hart Lane, and here the Sports Pink looks back at just a few of them.

## Spurs 0 Saints 1 April 2 1949

Though their new ground's capacity will be 61,000, Tottenham once attracted much bigger attendances than they will from 2018/19 onwards.

Huge crowds at White Hart Lane were common in the immediate post-war period.

On this occasion, a massive attendance of 69,265 packed in to watch Second Division leaders Saints take on their fourth-placed hosts.

An 82nd minute winner from Charlie Wayman silenced most of those fans and allowed Saints to claim a crucial success.

With 35 games played, they now led the table by eight points.

The club's first ever taste of First Division football was surely on the horizon.

Sadly, it wouldn't happen.

The club won just one of their last seven matches and ended third, an agonising two points behind champions Fulham.

## Spurs 4 Saints 0 Feb 25 1950

Remarkably, this Second Division game attracted an ever big-



Sadio Mane and Jan Vertonghen at White Hart Lane last season. Above right - Adam Lallana scores at Tottenham in March 2014.



Matthew Le Tissier scores from the penalty spot at Tottenham in 1994.

ger attendance than the previous season's encounter - 70,302.

It established a new record crowd for a second tier fixture,

a record which still stands. And, unless Manchester United get relegated, it is a record which will surely stand for ever.

Tottenham were top of the table - indeed, they would go on to win the title - while Saints were also flying high in sixth place.

Saints, though, had no answer to Arthur Rowe's table-toppers - who had won 22 of their first 29 games - and were thumped 4-0.

Among the goals was Len Duquemin, who hailed from Guernsey and was the first famous Channel Islander to play in the Football League.

The following season, Spurs won the First Division title at the first attempt - the club's first ever top flight crown. They have only ever won it once since, in their 1960/61 double-winning cam-

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# White Hart Lane



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Between 1946 and 1957 Duquemin made 307 appearances for Tottenham Hotspur and scored 134 goals.

Saints finished the campaign fourth, though level on points with runners-up Sheffield Wednesday. Tottenham, though, were nine points ahead everyone else - and in the days of only two points for a win.

**Spurs 5 Saints 3**  
**Nov 26 1966**

Saints' first ever top flight visit to White Hart provided a feast of entertainment and goals.

Ron Davies entered the game having netted in 13 of Saints' first 17 First Division fixtures.

The Welsh international needed just three minutes to extend that record to 14 in 18.

Alan Mullery levelled before Cliff Jones put Tottenham 3-1 up.

It was 4-1 at half-time, Dave Mackay on target, before Davies struck for a second time three minutes into the second half.

Jimmy Greaves converted a penalty - one of 25 top flight goals he netted that season - before Terry Paine rounded off the scoring.

**Spurs 6 Saints 1**  
**April 6 1968**

There was a familiar face in the Spurs line-up for this match.

Striker Martin Chivers had been signed from Saints only three months earlier for £125,000 - a record for Tottenham at the time.

He was now up front with England legend Jimmy Greaves, and Saints felt the full force of that potent partnership.

It was only 1-0 at half-time - Cliff Jones on target.

Alan Mullery doubled the advantage before Chivers and Greaves made it 4-0.

Denis Hollywood put through his own goal before Greaves converted a penalty for the second season run-

ning.

Saints had the final say - also for the second season running - when Ron Davies struck a late consolation.

**Spurs 0 Saints 1**  
**January 31 1970**

Ted Bates' Saints had only won three league games out of 27 when they racked up at White Hart Lane.

Only one of them had come in 12 away games.

But Ron Davies struck the only goal just after the hour mark for a Saints side who had started the game fourth bottom.

That was the position Saints finished the season in, at a time when only the bottom two went down.

**Spurs 1 Saints 3**  
**January 16 1971**

Only three minutes had elapsed when ex-Saint Martin Chivers fired the third placed hosts ahead.

But eighth-placed Saints were enjoying one of their best ever top flight campaigns and led 2-1 at half-time through a double from Chivers' former Dell strike partner Mick Channon.

Hughie Fisher started all 42 games for Saints this season, but the Scottish midfielder scored only one goal - it came in the second half of this game and sealed Saints' success.

**Spurs 1 Saints 2**  
**April 7 1973**

Crowds weren't so high at White Hart Lane these days - only 23,693 present to see another Mick Channon brace give Saints another win.

Saints had to come from behind again on this occasion, after Martin Peters had given the hosts a sixth minute lead.

And they left it late, too, with Channon levelling in the 79th minute before bursting clear to net the winner four minutes later.

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## Manolo can give others confidence

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"But it's not just his goals, it's a good player because it's easy to play with him.

"His movement in the box is interesting. He's always available for his partners with good technical quality in the control and the pass, and to combine with him is good.

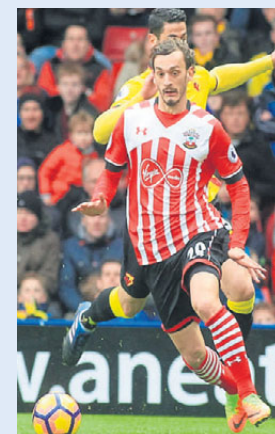
"I don't know if he can continue to score in every game because it's difficult.

"But he can give a confidence for all the players, like you saw with Nathan Redmond in the last game at Watford, and all the players like Dusan Tadic and James Ward-Prowse.

"And for all the other strikers in the squad to see him and to play with him is interesting and will give confidence to all of them."

Puel could bolster his defence by handing a first start to Martin Caceres.

The former Barcelona and Juventus centre-half, brought in on a free transfer last month, has completed two full under-23s matches to build up his fitness and is now in contention.



Manolo Gabbiadini has six goals in four games.

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## Janssen had a wake-up call - Poch

Mauricio Pochettino admits stern words have been needed to convince Vincent Janssen he can be a success at Tottenham.

Striker Janssen is back in the spotlight with Harry Kane nursing an ankle injury, but the Dutchman faces a fight to rescue a miserable debut season at White Hart Lane.

His goal against Millwall last weekend was Janssen's first from open play since joining for £17.5million from AZ Alkmaar eight months ago and he failed to take his chance when Kane was out for seven weeks in the autumn.

Ten appearances in that period yielded only three goals for Janssen - all from the penalty spot - as Tottenham went five games without scoring from open play and six without a victory.

They can ill-afford a similar slump this time around, with Chelsea already



Mauricio Pochettino

10 points clear at the top of the table, and Manchester City, Liverpool, Arsenal and Manchester United breathing down their necks in the race for Champions League qualification.

Son Heung-min, fresh from his hat-trick against Millwall, is more likely to start up front against Saints on Sunday and Pochettino accepts Janssen has endured a difficult opening season.

"It's true that in some period of the season his form was down," Pochettino said.

"He needed a wake-up [call] to be reminded that the possibility of playing could arrive.

"He is very young. He came from Holland. I'm happy with him and all the players, but I understand they are not happy with some situations.

"He is okay, he is motivated, confident - he is feeling a little bit of relief after his first goal from open play and that is important. I am happy in the way that he trained this week too."

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# White Hart pain

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**Spurs 4 Saints 4  
Dec 26, 1980**

The previous three league games between these two clubs at White Hart Lane had all ended goalless.

There was no shortage of entertainment this time, though, with Lawrie McMenemy's side twice coming from two goals down to draw.

Saints were 2-0 down inside 20 minutes to goals from Steve Archibald and Garry Brooke.

Impressively, Saints were level on 36 minutes after strikes from Graham Baker and Charlie George.

Brooke restored Spurs' lead in the second half and it seemed game over when Gareth Crooks made it 4-2 on 70 minutes.

But 60 seconds later Steve Moran pounced to give Saints another lifeline, and the same player levelled three minutes from time.

**Spurs 3 Saints 2  
March 20 1982**

Southampton-born centre half Graham Roberts stole the show with an extraordinary hat-trick.

Roberts scored twice in three minutes in the first half and completed his treble six minutes into the second half.

Graham Baker pulled one back for Saints and David Armstrong set up a nervous finale for the hosts with six minutes left.

**Spurs 6 Saints 0  
September 8 1982**

Peter Shilton shipped six goals on only his fourth league appearance for Saints as they club slipped to their heaviest league defeat for eight years.

Spurs were 2-0 up after 23 minutes thanks to Tony Galvin and Ricky Villa.

Steve Perryman, Garth Crooks and Garry Brooke (penalty) made it 5-0 before Perryman missed another spot-kick.

Galvin piled on the agony for Saints with a late sixth.

**Spurs 5 Saints 1  
March 23 1985**

Jimmy Case made a losing debut for Saints as his new club suffered another heavy loss at White Hart Lane.

Yet it was still 1-1 on 66 minutes after Danny Wallace had cancelled out Ossie Ardiles' first half opener.

Glenn Hoddle's goal opened the floodgates, though, and further efforts followed from Mark Falco, Garth Crooks and Garry Brooke.

**Spurs 5 Saints 3**



James Beattie scored twice for Saints at Tottenham in September 2013.



Shane Long confronts Danny Rose at Tottenham last May.

Main picture - Adam Lallana wheels away after scoring at White Hart Lane in March 2014.



**May 5 1986**

Two days after crashing 6-1 at Everton, Saints endured more White Hart Lane defensive misery.

With Peter Shilton injured, Keith Granger had made his debut at Goodison Park.

It had not been one to remember and his second appearance - and

his last, as it turned out - wasn't much better either.

Chris Waddle opened the scoring but Danny Wallace levelled, as he had done the previous season.

Tony Galvin quickly made it 3-1 before Gary Mabbutt's own goal kept Saints in contention.

Galvin completed his hat-trick, yet still Saints refused to give up

with Craig Maskell making it 4-3. Clive Allen had the final say.

**Spurs 2 Saints 1  
September 12 1987**

Saints boss Chris Nicholl claimed his side had been 'cheated' after Tottenham's 89th minute penalty winner.

Goalkeeper Tim Flowers was

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# - but some gain



Jermain Defoe scores in the 5-1 win against Saints in December 2004..



Shane Long goes for goal, right. Above right - Victor Wanyama and Dusan Tadic celebrate Saints' win last May.

penalised for tripping Paul Allen and Clive Allen fired home from 12 yards.

Graham Baker had given Saints the lead and Nico Claesen levelled.

**Spurs 1 Saints 2**  
**October 25 1988**

Two goals from Glenn Cockerill

gave Saints victory after they had fallen behind to a Ray Wallace own goal.

**Spurs 2 Saints 0**  
**April 9 1991**

Gary Lineker scored both goals in the first half - yet was denied a hat-trick in the second period when Tim Flowers saved his pen-

alty.

**Spurs 1 Saints 2**  
**January 18 1992**

Having only won one of their previous ten league games, Ian Branfoot's strugglers produced a shock win. Micky Adams and Iain Dowie netted before Gary Mabbutt replied late on.

Saints finished the last ever First Division campaign in 16th place. Tottenham were just one place better off and Chelsea only one place above Spurs.

**Spurs 4 Saints 2**  
**February 7 1993**

A remarkable first Premier League visit to White Hart Lane.

Leading 1-0 going into the 54th minute - thanks to Iain Dowie's first half goal - Saints were 4-1 down after 58 minutes.

Teddy Sheringham scored twice with Darren Anderton and Nick Barmby also netting as Saints fell apart.

Francis Benali was then sent off but Saints scored the only goal of the final half hour, through defender Richard Hall.

**Spurs 1 Saints 2**  
**September 12 1994**

Trailing 1-0 to a Jurgen Klinsmann goal, Saints were awarded a penalty on 75 minutes when Sol Campbell was sent off for a foul.

Matt Le Tissier promptly levelled, setting the scene for himself to grab an 89th minute winner.

**Spurs 3 Saints 1**  
**December 26 1996**

Steffan Iversen scored inside the first minute, and added another on the half hour mark. Matt Le Tissier reduced the arrears but Allan Nielsen had the final say.

**Spurs 7 Saints 2**  
**March 11 2001**

And Saints led twice in the first half!

Jo Tessem and the debut-making Tahar El Khalej were Saints' scorers, either side of a Dean Richards own goal.

Darren Anderton levelled on 38 minutes and two minutes later Chris Armstrong put Spurs ahead for the first time.

Steffan Iversen made it 4-2 just before half-time and Glenn Hoddle's return to White Hart Lane was fast becoming a nightmare.

The agony continued in the second half as Armstrong netted his second before Iversen completed a hat-trick.

**Spurs 2 Saints 1**  
**September 8 2002**

More White Hart Lane misery for Saints as Spurs win with a 90th minute Teddy Sheringham penalty. The spot-kick had been awarded for handball against Michael Svensson, who was also sent off.

Les Ferdinand had put Spurs ahead with Mauricio Tarcico providing an own goal leveller.

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## Pochettino

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Tottenham are not alone in their reliance on one player - Kane - for the vast majority of their goals, given the likes of Diego Costa, Alexis Sanchez, Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Sergio Aguero are all similarly dominant at their clubs.

None of the Premier League's top six have more than one striker in double figures this season, with Arsenal's Olivier Giroud, along with Sanchez, the closest on eight.

"It's easy to say we need better players on the bench behind Harry Kane," Pochettino said.

"But it's complicated for offensive players who are behind Diego Costa, Harry Kane, Alexis Sanchez or Ibrahimovic at big teams.

"Players are training hard every day to try and find their best form, but every weekend they do not find too much possibility to play.

"Always we say they need to be professional, but they are only human and it is very



Hugo Lloris

tough to come in every day, it's very complicated."

Tottenham have no such problems at the other end of the pitch where Michel Vorm provides strong back-up for first-choice goalkeeper Hugo Lloris, who once played under Saints boss Claude Puel at Lyon.

Vorm has started all of Spurs' games in the FA Cup, however, and Pochettino suggested he will keep faith with the Dutch stopper for next month's crunch semi-final against Chelsea.

"Hugo has been playing in the Premier League and European competitions, and when you have a player like Michel Vorm, who is capable of playing at any club, he deserves to play in the semi-final - why not?" Pochettino said.

"He is a very experienced goalkeeper, and the way he has been working since day one when he arrived here, and how much he has helped Hugo to be one of the best keepers in the world, he deserves the trust and the confidence to play at Wembley."

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PREMIER LEAGUE

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**Spurs 1 Saints 3  
Sept 20 2003**

One of the most memorable wins at White Hart Lane for Saints fans

... mainly because it resulted in former boss Glenn Hoddle being sacked as Tottenham manager! James Beattie scored twice in the first half and Kevin Phillips made it 3-0 on the hour mark.

Spurs could only manage a Frederic Kanoute consolation.

**Spurs 5 Saints 1  
December 18 2004**

In his second game in charge of Saints, Harry Redknapp suffered a crushing loss at White Hart Lane.

Jermain Defoe - the striker he brought through at West Ham - hit a hat-trick with Frederic Kanoute and Robbie Keane also scoring.

Peter Crouch - like Defoe, later to sign for Spurs when Redknapp was in charge - grabbed Saints' consolation on a day where Jason Dodd appeared in a competitive Saints game for the last time.

**Spurs 3 Saints 2  
March 23 2014**

Mauricio Pochettino was already being linked with a potential move to White Hart Lane by the time this game took place.

Jay Rodriguez and Adam Lallana, two players who had made their England debuts earlier in the season, put the visitors in control after 28 minutes.

But Christian Eriksen sparked a Spurs comeback on 31 minutes and levelled shortly into the second half.

Tim Sherwood's men won it with a late Gylfi Sigurdsson strike.

It was Sherwood's second win over Poch in four months - Spurs having also won 3-2 at St Mary's before Christmas. But he was still replaced by the Argentine a few weeks later.

**Spurs 1 Saints 2  
May 8 2016**

This game came at a good time for Saints with Spurs' title dream having died a few days earlier.

Though Heung-Min Son fired the hosts into an early lead, Saints hit back to win with a Steven Davis double.

## Ex-Saint Jordan new in at struggling Boro



Joe Jordan.

Middlesbrough have announced former Saints striker Joe Jordan has joined the Premier League club to help caretaker boss Steve Agnew.

The Teessiders parted company with head coach Aitor Karanka on Thursday, placing assistant Agnew in charge of first-team affairs as he prepares the players for Sunday's Premier League clash with Manchester

United at the Riverside Stadium.

Agnew has now turned to 65-year-old Jordan, who worked alongside Harry Redknapp at Portsmouth, Tottenham Hotspur and QPR, to give him some guidance for the challenges ahead.

Former Boro skipper Nigel Pearson, who managed Saints in the last few months of 2007/08, has been installed as the bookmakers' favourite to suc-

ceed Karanka.

Pearson has been without a club since leaving Derby County earlier this season.

However, chairman Steve Gibson may yet decide to leave Agnew at the helm for the final 11 games of the campaign as they look to stave off the threat of relegation back to the Sky Bet Championship.

## 'We're not giving up on Europe'

By Peter Howard



SAINTS still harbour ambitions of playing European football next season.

Despite starting this weekend's Premier League round in 10th place, and some way off a potential Europa League berth, there is still belief that Saints can make a late break for continental competition positions with 12 games left.

"Anything is possible," said James Ward-Prowse.

"We've seen that the last few years, we can't look too far ahead or too far behind.

"We have to just focus on each game as it comes.

"We've just got to make sure we're ready for the fight and give us the best chance to succeed."

Saints have played Europa League football in consecutive campaigns, but it looks increasingly unlikely they'll make it three in a row.

This term they narrowly missed out of qualification from the group stages in excruciating fashion and did something similar in 2015/16, but in the play-off round.

**Ambition**

Ward-Prowse stated that Saints are set-up as a club to give it another go.

"That's the ambition of the players," he said.

"We've got the players and the squad and the manager to play European football.

"We all want to get back to that stage and we won't give up until the final whistle of the season to give ourselves the best chance of being in the Europa League draw again."

The 22-year-old midfielder hopes to continue to be at the heart of Saints' resurgence, which has



James Ward-Prowse celebrates his goal against Leicester earlier this year.

seen them record back-to-back Premier League triumphs after a difficult start to 2017.

The academy graduate, who is celebrating a first call-up to the England senior team, has been a key part in Claude Puel's side of late.

Ward-Prowse, who has previously struggled to nail down a starting role, has been playing in the attacking three just behind Manolo Gabbiadini in the rein-

stated 4-2-3-1 and he admits he's growing in confidence the more he plays.

"Any role in team is a lot easier if you get a good run of games," he said.

"That's something I've had this year unlike any other year and that's given me the confidence to grow and learn more about my position.

"I feel very a much a set part within the team.

"I'm growing in confidence in every game and that's only a positive."

He added: "It's a position I've grown into the last few weeks and whether the manager puts me there or in the middle then that's up to him.

"But I certainly enjoy playing there and it's given me a chance to get forward and create a few more opportunities and into goal-scoring positions."

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## CHERRIES FOOTBALL

BOURNEMOUTH 2 SWANSEA 0

# Historic night for Howe's Cherries

By Paul  
McNamara

CHERRIES racked up two notable achievements by beating Swansea City 2-0 at Vitality Stadium on Saturday evening.

Following their 3-0 victory at Liberty Stadium on New Year's Eve, Eddie Howe's side's win represented the first top-flight 'double' in the club's history.

This win also marked Cherries' first back-to-back league victories for more than a year – indeed, Swansea were the victims when Howe's men recorded a third success on the bounce on March 12 last year.

Most relevant at all, Cherries climb to 12th in the Premier League, a healthy nine points clear of the bottom three.

The home team benefited from a slice of luck when Benik Afobe's 31st-minute strike deflected decisively off the luckless Alfie Mawson to hand Cherries a 31st-minute advantage – the goal eventually being credited to the unfortunate defender.

There was no disputing the scorer, though, when Afobe finished assuredly beyond Lukas Fabianski with 18 minutes to play to seal a priceless victory.

Cherries assumed a real measure of control over their opponents from the outset – and of chief concern for the possession-hungry Swans would have been the hosts' dominance of the ball.

Joshua King drilled over inside three minutes after one sustained bout of home pressure, while a delicious subsequent move involving Adam Smith, Ryan Fraser and Dan Gosling, bursting forward from midfield, was indicative of the shot in the arm the team's confidence had received from their success over West Ham seven days earlier.

That particular move ended with Gylfi Sigurdsson wearing Gosling's fierce cross flush in the face.

The Icelandic, however, quickly recovered to send in a right-wing free-kick that would have ended with the wind taken from Cherries' sails had Mawson kept his glancing header inside the far post, rather than direct it an inch wide.

The early order of service was quickly resumed.

Fraser collected King's pass and shrugged off Tom Carroll, only to drag his shot off target.

When Fraser next found himself in enemy territory the Scot fizzed in a devilish, precise cross, locating Afobe, astutely positioned between Leroy Fer and Federico Fernandez, but wide with his diving header.

Between those two presentable opportunities for the home team, though, had come a sobering reminder of the threat posed by this Swansea outfit.



AFC Bournemouth's Benik Afobe celebrates scoring his side's second goal.

The approach was all rather rudimentary, Fer arrowing a long throw into the box.

Fernando Llorente applied the flick, which found Sigurdsson in space. The former Tottenham player's normally immaculate technique failed him, however, Sigurdsson ballooning his volleyed effort high into the early evening sky.

He wasted no time rediscovering his radar. Smith conceded a cheap free-kick for tapping at Stephen King's ankles, leaving Sigurdsson to whip in a spiteful set-piece that King glanced narrowly wide of his own goal.

If he meant it, the Norwegian's judgement was spot on.

Cherries' initial composure had, momentarily, given way to something more edgy altogether.

The resultant corner saw Swansea's vociferous penalty claims go unheeded by referee Mike Dean, the Wirral official – correctly – deciding Marc Pugh could have done nothing to avoid handling Carroll's blistering

shot at close range.

And, minutes later, all was right in Cherries' world again.

King, his back to goal, got a toe in ahead of the flat footed Fernandez to nudge the ball to Pugh.

He promptly fed the ball forward for Afobe, taking Fernandez out of proceedings in the process.

From there, the striker took charge, making the ball his own, despite King's interest in resuming his involvement, and letting go with a low shot that deflected heavily off Mawson to leave Lukas Fabianski totally wrong-footed and unable to stop the ball from ending up in the back of his net.

Boruc then sent home hearts aflutter when he needed two goes to grab Kingsley's deep cross – his initial effort at gathering hindered by Steve Cook's presence under the 'keeper's feet.

Cherries' number one was soon attracting the television cameras' gaze for all the right reasons.

Sigurdsson, ominously hitting

his straps, unleashed a dipping 25-yard effort that might just have been bound to travel a fraction outside of Boruc's right-hand post.

The Pole couldn't take that chance, however, and dived full-length to tip behind.

Boruc's compatriot Fabianski then easily fielded Smith's strike from a 25-yard free-kick to prevent Cherries from taking a two-goal advantage into the break.

Swansea's football directly after the interval was purposeful and reasonably progressive.

Nevertheless, Paul Clement's team couldn't find the rhythm that is the hallmark of their best work. Consequently, there was no immediate sense of Cherries' slim lead being under threat.

Indeed, Fabianski needed to spring low to his right to tip behind Gosling's strike from distance to prevent the visitors from sustaining further damage on 53 minutes.

The away number one was diving to his opposite side moments later to snaffle a Fraser effort, Fabianski digging himself out of a hole, given it was his woeful pass that had handed Fraser his shooting opportunity.

Fraser was snapping into tackles and Cherries support was finding its voice.

Surman's trip on Carroll, however, caused an eerie silence to descend over Vitality Stadium.

The infringement occurred on the fringe of the box and no team relishes the sight of Sigurdsson sizing up his options against them from that range.

The Swansea player drilling his effort into Cherries' five-man wall, then, was greeted by a palpable wave of relief among those home fans.

That sighter, though, encouraged the visitors to throw off their shackles.

Afobe, still in his own penalty box following a Swans' corner, did brilliantly to hack clear with Mawson ready to pounce on Llorente's knock-down.

Then Cook was magnificent in stopping substitute Luciano Narsingh from getting a shot away in the box, before scrambling to his feet to apply a block on the follow up strike from Narsingh's fellow replacement Wayne Routledge.

Cook's stirring feats meant that when Afobe returned to his day job in telling fashion, the striker effectively killed the game.

Gosling started things, snapping in on Cork to win possession.

The midfielder found King, who, in turn, punched his pass into Afobe.

Mawson was undone by the weight of King's delivery and lost his footing as he tried to readjust his body.

Afobe capitalised on the space opening up in front of him to deliver a shot across Fabianski and in off the far post.

As a response to having his first goal pinched off him, it was pretty impressive.

## Numbers game

Tottenham host Saints on Sunday looking to keep sight of league leaders Chelsea – and more importantly ensure they remain in the top four until the end of the season.

Here, the Sports Pink looks ahead to the fixture in numbers.

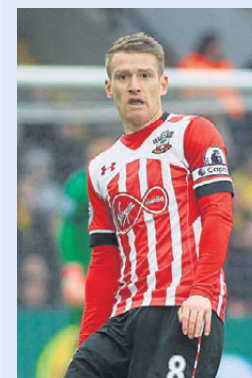
**118**

Meetings between the sides. Tottenham lead the head-to-head with 52 wins to Southampton's 37, with 29 draws.

**25**

Goals in the last seven meetings between the two teams, including five in the most recent clash in December when Spurs won 4-1.

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Steven Davis.

Saints are the last team to win at White Hart Lane in the Premier League, 2-1 on May 8. A Steven Davis double cancelled out Son's opener, which helped Saints finish sixth whilst Spurs squandered second place to rivals Arsenal and finished third.

**14**

Spurs are undefeated in 14 home league games this season. They have won 12 of those, including their last nine, and drawn against Liverpool and Leicester.

**7**

The number of goals Spurs have conceded in the Premier League at home this season.

**1**

Saints' victory last season is their only win against Spurs since 2005, Spurs winning seven of the last nine meetings.

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## Gab wins Italian call

MANOLO Gabbiadini has won a recall to the senior Italian international squad.

After making a fine start to life with Saints, the former Napoli striker is in the squad for next Friday's World Cup qualifier with Albania before tackling Danny Blind's Holland in an Amsterdam friendly four days later.

Serie B goalkeeper Alex Meret is the surprise inclusion in the Italy squad.

The 19-year-old Udinese player is on loan with second-division SPAL, who are currently top of the league after putting together an 11-game unbeaten run. He already has 32 under-age caps.

As for Gabbiadini, he won the first of his six caps against England in a friendly in August 2012. He has not appeared for his country since 2015, when he scored his only international goal in a friendly against Romania.

Gabbiadini, 25, has become the first Saints player to score in each of his first four games for the club - against West Ham, Sunderland, Manchester United and Watford.



Manolo Gabbiadini.

## Strength

Phil Jones believes Manchester United have "more than enough" to cope with key absences and their testing fixture schedule at managerless Middlesbrough.

Jose Mourinho's men arrive at the Riverside Stadium on Sunday lunchtime in search of a much-needed victory, having drawn eight times during a 17-match unbeaten run in the Premier League.

United head to the north east after progressing to the Europa League quarter-finals on Thursday, although Paul Pogba and Daley Blind were forced off during the narrow last-16 second-leg win against Rostov.

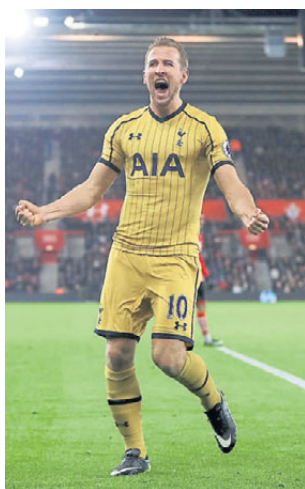
Pogba will definitely miss the trip to Boro along with suspended pair Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Ander Herrera, but Jones is confident United will have the wherewithal to head into the international break with an important victory.

"Middlesbrough have just sacked the manager as well so it will probably be even tougher than what it would have been," he said.

"But we've got more than enough to cope with that."

"We have strength in depth in this squad and that's why we need everyone."

# Kane optimistic about latest ankle injury



Harry Kane

Harry Kane feels optimistic about his ankle injury and has joked about returning in less than a month, according to Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino.

Spurs said earlier this week the injury is considered less serious than the one Kane sustained in September, when he damaged the same ankle ligaments and was out for seven weeks.

Even if Kane is overly confident in hoping to return far sooner, his assessment suggests he could be back for next month's north London derby against Arsenal on April 30 and may even feature in the FA Cup semi-final against Chelsea on April 22.

The cup clash at Wembley will come six weeks after Kane sustained the injury against Millwall last weekend.

"He is very positive, joking

about (coming back) after the international break, three to four weeks," Pochettino said.

"It's good but we need to be careful with the injury."

On Kane's prediction, Pochettino added: "We don't know. He is very positive but don't take it like properly my words because if not four, it's five to six weeks. But the good thing he is very positive."

"If you are positive in your mind you can affect your injury positively."

Kane has been left out of Gareth Southgate's England squad for next week's matches against Lithuania and Germany while Tottenham will have to do without their star striker against Saints on Sunday.

They may also have to cope without their two first-choice full-backs at White Hart Lane, given

the club have revealed Kyle Walker twisted his ankle on a day off at home on Monday. Danny Rose is still recovering from a knee problem.

Pochettino would not divulge the cause of Walker's injury but said the defender had not trained this week and will have to be assessed.

Ex-Saint Victor Wanyama is also struggling after enduring a "minor problem" against Millwall but Mousa Dembele, who missed the match with an ankle injury, is available. Erik Lamela remains sidelined with a hip injury.

Kane's absence, however, is the biggest concern for Pochettino, given Tottenham endured their worst period of the season while the 23-year-old was out in September and October.

# Luffman vows to curb his passion

By Wendy Gee



ALRESFORD Town boss Richard Luffman has vowed to curb his passion after landing a two-match stadium ban.

The former Otterbourne manager lost his cool and was sent off in the Magpies' 4-1 North Hants Senior Cup defeat at Fleet Town last month.

His punishment was to miss Wednesday's home game against Portland and today's scheduled trip to Lymington Town.

## Rose

Alresford rose to sixth in the Sydenhams Premier with a 2-0 win at Fawley AFC last weekend.

But at a time when Luffman should have been driving them on from the sidelines, he was forced to hand over the managerial reins to his assistant Ryan Doswell after letting his emotions get the better of him.

Confessing the error of his ways, Luffman said: "I was sent off in the semi-final defeat against Fleet where we were on the end of a few bad decisions."

"It's a massive shame for me and something I must learn from as my passion has ultimately got me in trouble."

"I live and breathe the game and



Richard Luffman

sometimes I cross the line and, ultimately, I'm letting down the lads by not being there."

"I'm fortunate in that I have a very good management structure that allow us to be organised

Craig Harding bagged a goal in each half at Fawley, but Alresford ended the game with ten men after Tom Ashton had been sent off for a debatable elbow offence.

With Rob Flocks, Chris Mason, Tom Sands and Aaron Blaxall all due suspensions and Tom Richards struggling with injury, the Magpies recently made two squad additions.

Frontman Dave Parry climbed on board from Amesbury while full-back Brad Benson arrived from Andover Town.

The Magpies added a third new name this week with Luke Neller switching camps from Blackfield and making his debut against Portland.

Alas for the Magpies, the evening didn't go as planned as third-placed Portland reeled off their 12th straight league victory 2-0 through Lewis Whyton (40 mins) and Ed Bastick (65 mins).

Blues boss Gary Bailey said: "Our defence were excellent. They kept Alresford at arm's length and made them resort to long balls over the top which we dealt with really well."

"But it isn't just the back four, the midfielders and forward players play a part too with their energy levels and closing down."

"They're an honest bunch and they work really hard for each other. When you're up in the mix, my job is easy. The only hard part is picking a starting 11."

# PINK NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

## AFC TOTTON 0 MANGOTSFIELD 1

# Unlucky Stags lose

By Wendy Gee



AFC TOTTON have confirmed that Louis Langdown will be the man to lead them into the next Southern One South & West season.

Chairman Wayne Mew today scotched rumours that a new manager is being lined-up as part of the Stags' transformation from a members' club to a limited company.

"Louis and Adam (Wilde, assistant manager) are doing just fine and there is no need to alter anything," stressed Mew.

"Since they've come in their record shapes up as well as anyone's."

After guiding the Stags to ten points from the last twelve, Langdown was desperately unlucky not to preside over another victory this afternoon.

But, having dominated much of the game, they lost 1-0 at home to Mangotsfield who ended the game with ten men.

The Stags began with all the confidence of a side in form and, after just 27 seconds, a sweeping move ended with Nathaniel Sherborne laying the ball back for Mark Gamble to fire narrowly wide.

A Sherborne shot then cleared the bar from distance and young debutant Matt Bozier's effort followed a similar flightpath from Harry Medway's long throw as Totton continued to looked the likelier to break the deadlock.

On 16 minutes wide-man Cutis Young did the hard work of leaving full-back Tom Fry on his backside, only to let himself down with a wild finish.

All the while AFC Bourne-mouth's loanee goalkeeper Pat O'Flaherty was having a relatively comfortable time of it, facing a brisk wind in the home goal, and was scarcely troubled until the 24th minute when Mitch Tippins thumped one over from the edge of the box for the visitors.

On 31 minutes Mangos' Tom Warren went into the book for a foul on Charlie Gunson and, from the Totton free-kick, centre-back Medway planted a header wide.

The Stags then conceded a free-kick when Ian Oliver bundled over Liam Monelle. The No 9's delivery held up in the wind and O'Flaherty played safety first, palming it behind for a corner.

On 40 minutes Alfie Whittingham had a glorious chance to add to his goal at Paulton Rovers on



Mark Gamble, left, in action against Mangotsfield.



Former Totton keeper Wayne Shaw posing for photos before the game.

Tuesday.

But, having brought Oliver's pass under control with his first touch, he failed to make contact with his second, allowing keeper Steve Phillips to gather one-on-one.

HT: AFC TOTTON 0  
MANGOTSFIELD 0

Whittingham had two good early second-half chances for Totton.

He hit the first straight at Phillips after dancing his way across

the area.

Then, after Sherborne had hit the ball goalwards from Connor York's lay-off, Whittingham failed to get hold of his shot properly and, once again, Phillips was untroubled.

The Mangos' keeper then got comfortably behind a header from Bozier but, five minutes later, he made a quality save, presenting Sherborne's deft, curling shot from sneaking into the far corner.

Sherborne soon shone again, turning brilliantly before driving the ball across the six-yard box where Gamble just failed to make contact.

But, from being in total control, Totton fell behind to the softest of 63rd-minute goals.

A tame cross came in from the left and, with the Stags switching off, Liam MONELLE got in behind O'Flaherty to stab the ball home.

Monelle then forced a save from O'Flaherty as the Mangos began to get on top.

But on 76 minutes the visitors were reduced to ten men when Tom Warren - already cautioned in the first-half - was sent-off for retaliation to a challenge by Stags' sub Dylan Knight who also went into the book.

Totton piled the pressure on the ten men and, after sending a header wide Knight had a thumping effort cleared off the line with Phillips beaten.

Knight's physical presence unsettled the visitors but, despite throwing the kitchen sink at them, Totton were denied a single point on an afternoon when they richly deserved all three.

## Great Scott the hero

Scott Wilson's injury time goal gave Eastleigh back-to-back National League wins for the first time since September.

The striker, on as a 69th minute sub for Matt Tubbs, struck in the closing seconds to give Richard Hill's Spitfires a 1-0 victory at Chester.

It was only Eastleigh's third league win in 17 attempts, but their second in a row following the previous week's 2-0 home win over Barrow.

It was Eastleigh's first away league success since a 1-0 victory at Boreham Wood on New Year's Eve - and Wilson was the marksman that day as well in what turned out to be Martin Allen's only league win as Spitfires boss.

He has only netted three league goals since arriving



Scott Wilson

from Weston-super-Mare last summer, and all have come away from the Silverlake Stadium - his first coming at Gateshead last November.

Eastleigh travel to lowly Torquay on Tuesday looking for a third straight win. The Gulls, fifth from bottom, did not play this weekend.

## Brooks the point-saver

Marvin Brooks scored an 82nd minute leveller as Poole Town drew 3-3 at home to Hampton & Richmond Borough in the National South League.

The Dolphins had led 2-0 at the interval through Abdulai Baggie and Luke Roberts, before the visitors stormed back to take the lead.

Taffy Richardson, at the ripe age of 50, was among the Poole subs.

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## NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

## 'Bemerton need local players'

GRAHAM Kemp has stressed that his decision to jack in football is no reflection on his current club Bemerton Heath.

Since taking over at the Harlequins helm two years ago, Kemp has had all the backing a manager could wish for.

But, for various reasons, things have not gone as smoothly on the pitch as the ex-Christchurch, Hamworthy, Winchester and Dorchester manager would have hoped for.

Getting players to commit has been a major headache and Kemp believes that crashing out of the FA Vase 3-2 at home to Melksham in December was "a body blow from which we never recovered."

"Me and a lot of the players wanted to give the Vase a good go, but losing that day was a turning point," he said. "It was make or break for us and, unfortunately, it turned out to be break not make."

"Me leaving Bemerton is nothing to do with the club, it's just the way football's gone."

"Bemerton have been brilliant and



Graham Kemp.

whoever comes in as manager will be lucky to join such a good club. They organise everything for you and they're a proper football club who, within reason, give you everything you want.

"It's going to be a rebuilding job for them because 90 per cent of the players come from Southampton or Bournemouth and I can't guarantee they will all stay when I go."

"The club needs to take a step back, get some local players in and build from there."

With a Russell Cotes Cup final at Gosport Borough to look forward to and a stab at reaching the final of the Salisbury Hospital Cup, Kemp is in no rush to get out of the Western Way door.

"I'm due to have a meeting with chairman Steve Slade and, if they want to appoint someone before the end of the season, I'm ok with that," he said.

"But if we win the Hospital Cup semi-final at Shrewton (on Tuesday), it's looking like Salisbury in the final. That wouldn't be a bad way to go out, in front of 1,000 fans!"

Looking back on his managerial career, Kemp's biggest regret was that his stay at Dorchester didn't work out.

"I spent a long time working for that and I blew it," he said.

## Andover goalkeeper to take up skydiving



Lloyd Thomas

ANDOVER Town goalkeeper Lloyd Thomas is gearing up to do a charity skydive.

He and his girlfriend Lilia Bitouche will be undertaking the daring deed to raise money for Football For Cancer.

The pair have set themselves an £800 fundraising target and hope the non-League community will rally round in support.

Lilia said: "We chose the charity Football For Cancer because football is basically Lloyd's life and has become a very big part of mine too!"

"In the last year we have both lost a few parents of friends and some family members have unfortunately been affected by cancer. We both knew we wanted to do something to help."

"A skydive is something both myself and Lloyd are very nervous about doing, but I think that's added to the challenge for us to push ourselves out of our comfort zone."

To make a donation, visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lilia-Lloyd>

\*FOR the third year running,

Salisbury will entertain Bristol Rovers in a pre-season friendly.

Darrell Clarke, who master-minded double promotions in a three-year spell as manager of the old Salisbury City FC, is returning with his Rovers charges on Saturday, July 15 (1pm).

After back-to-back promotions, Rovers are again in amongst it at the top end of the table, targeting the League One play-offs.

Last year's friendly at Salisbury saw the Pirates ease to a 3-0 win thanks to goals from Ellis Harrison, Ollie Clarke and Billy Bodin.

## Kemp despairs of new generation

By Wendy Glee



GRAHAM Kemp will stand down as Bemerton Heath boss at the end of the season out of sheer frustration that modern-day footballers are not committed enough.

After 40 years in the game, Kemp – one of the most decorated players and dedicated managers in Wessex League history – has grown tired of listening to lame excuses.

With a business to run and two young sons at home, the 52-year-old has enough on his plate without having to chase up players who seemingly have better things to do.

Kemp said: "Me and others of my generation have passed up weddings and christenings for football, but now it's the slightest excuse and they can't play."

"What with work and family, it's getting a bit much, but I can commit to football if I get something back. But, if I'm honest, I don't feel this generation repays that commitment."

"I've had to call a game off this year because we didn't have enough players and I was really embarrassed."

"We took some right stick for it and rightly so, but what do you do? We've got no reserves and our under-18s are mainly 16-year-olds playing in a friendly league."

"When you turn up at games with only 12 or 13 players, you don't feel like you're competing on a level playing field."

"I don't want to become a bitter old man going on about it being better in my day, so I'll just call it a day."

Part of the all-conquering 1990s Lymington side, Kemp feels privileged to have played when football really mattered.

"I was looking at an old photo



AFC Lymington 1996

of Lymington with Wayne Shaw standing next to me and Kevin Green there as well.

"The year we went unbeaten (1996-97), people said it was a rub-

bish league, but Eastleigh, Gosport and Totton were all in it and none of them ever did what we did."

"I've gone from that to struggling to get 11 players out."

"We took pride in everything we did, sacrificing stuff for football. That's why we've got so many good memories. I don't think this generation will have memories like ours."

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## NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL



## Hotshot Tarpey breaks record

FORMER Basingstoke Town and Farnborough striker Dave Tarpey has made National League South history.

The Maidenhead United frontman has set a new record for the most goals scored in an NLS season.

The 28-year-old has netted 35 times for the Magpies this campaign, beating Adam Birchall's previous record of 34 for Dover Athletic in 2010/11.

Tarpey, who broke the record by scoring twice in Maidenhead's 3-1 win at Weston-super-Mare last

Saturday, began his career with Basingstoke Town where he was part of the team that lifted the 2008 Hampshire Senior Cup.

He moved on to Farnborough and Alan Devonshire's Hampton & Richmond Borough before being reunited with Devonshire at

# Why Dolphin boss Killick went from hero to villain!

By Wendy Gee



ONE minute he was the golden boy of the Vanarama National League South.

The next he was being sent from the dugout.

Fresh from picking up the manager-of-the-month award for February, Tom Killick found himself looking on from the stand as Poole Town crashed 2-1 at Welling United last Saturday.

The irate Dolphins boss was banished from the technical area 13 minutes from time after remonstrating with referee Elliot Kaye.

He was particularly irked when Will Spetch was shown a tenth yellow card of the season - triggering a two-match ban - with the boss convinced it was a case of mistaken identity.

## Different angles

But Killick said: "We would have to send 27 videos from 28 different angles, with 54 affidavits as to why it was wrong, only to be told by the FA that it's another match added on to the ban - so we won't be appealing."

Already trailing to an own goal, Poole had a 24th-minute penalty awarded against them when Lewis Tallack was adjudged to have tripped Rhys Murrell-Williamson. Harry Crawford converted from 12 yards.

"I can't comment on whether it was a clear penalty, but we had a big opportunity to clear the ball and get out of a dangerous area," rued Killick.

"We failed to take it and paid the price. Suddenly, we were 2-0 behind and staring down a barrel.

"To their credit, Welling started better than us. When you have had a fortnight off, you either look in-



Tom Killick

vigorated or lethargic and we were lethargic at the start.

"The early goal gave them more confidence, while we looked even shakier."

Play-off chasing Poole were much

improved second half and, after Luke Roberts, twice, and Marvin Brooks had been denied by goalkeeper Chris Lewington, they got a penalty of their own which Steve Devlin stuck away - his fourth spot-

kick success in three games.

"The fact their goalkeeper won man-of-the-match tells its own story," said Killick. "We came up short at the end, but we only had our first-half performance to blame."

### Non league fixtures

Monday, March 20  
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
Hungerford v Weston-super-Mare, Wealdstone v Concord.

Tuesday, March 21  
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE  
Aldershot v Dagenham & Redbridge, Barrow v Wrexham, Boreham Wood v Lincoln, Braintree v Woking, Chester v Macclesfield, Forest Green v Solihull Moors, Gateshead v Guiseley, Maidstone v Sutton, North Ferriby v Tranmere, Torquay v Eastleigh, York v Southport.

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
Dartford v Margate, East Thurrock v Chelmsford, Eastbourne Borough v Welling, Ebbsfleet v Bishops Cleeve, Gosport Borough v Bath City, Maidenhead v Oxford City, Poole Town v Truro.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Cinderford v Frome, Kings Lynn v St Neots, St Ives v Hitchin. Division One South & West: Paulton Rovers v Barnstaple, Shortwood v North Leigh.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Brockenhurst v AFC Portchester, Portland v Amesbury. SWL Cup, semi-finals: Baffins MR v Shaftesbury, Sholing v Team Solent. Division One: Fleet Spurs v New Milton, Laverstock & Ford v Alton, US Portsmouth v AFC Stoneham, Folland Sports v East Cowes Vics (8.00).

WILTSHIRE SENIOR CUP  
Semi-final: Highworth Town v Salisbury (at Melksham Town FC). SALISBURY HOSPITAL CUP  
Shrewton Utd v Bemerton HH. PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP  
Semi-final: Petersfield v Moneyfields.

Wednesday, March 22  
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
Whitehawk v Hampton & Richmond. EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE  
Division One South & West: Evesham v Swindon Supermarine. SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Alresford v Fareham, Whichchurch v Andover.

Division One: Andover NS v Hamble Club, Hythe & Dibden v Pewsey Vale. PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE  
HPFL Combination Cup, semi-final: Bush Hill Res v Winchester Castle Res (at Stockbridge FC, 7.45).

Saturday, March 25  
VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE  
Lincoln v Forest Green (BT Sport, 12.15), Bromley v Chester, Dagenham & Redbridge v York, Eastleigh v Gateshead, Guiseley v Dover, Macclesfield v Aldershot, Solihull Moors v Barrow, Southport v Boreham Wood, Sutton v North Ferriby, Tranmere v Braintree, Woking v Maidstone, Wrexham v Torquay.

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH  
Bath v Wealdstone, Bishops Cleeve v Maidenhead, Chelmsford v Gosport Borough, Concord v Hemel Hempstead, Hampton & Richmond v Ebbsfleet, Margate v Eastbourne Borough, Oxford City v Poole Town, St Albans v Dartford, Truro v Whitehawk, Welling v Hungerford, Weston-super-Mare v East Thurrock.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Biggleswade v Dorchester, Chesham v Chippenham, Cinderford v Kettering, Cirencester v Redditch, Frome v Slough, Hayes & Yeading v St Neots, Hitchin v Leamington, Kings Lynn v Dunstable, Merthyr Town v Cambridge City, St Ives v Basingstoke, Stratford v Banbury, Weymouth v Kings Langley.

Division One South & West: Bideford v North Leigh, Bishops Cleeve v Shortwood, Didcot v Yale, Evesham v Taunton, Mangotsfield v Brighthelm, Salisbury v Hereford, Slimbridge v Larkhall, Swindon Supermarine v Paulton Rovers, Wantage v AFC Totton, Wimborne v Tiverton, Winchester City v Barnstaple.

SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE  
Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Andover, Amesbury v Newport IOW, Bashley v Lynton Town, Blackfield & Langley v Horndean, Cowes Sports v Team Solent, Fareham Town v Portland, Fawley v Bemerton HH, Hamworthy v Moneyfields, Sholing v Bournemouth Poppies, Verwood v Alresford, Whichchurch v Brockenhurst.

Division One: Christchurch v Fleet Spurs, Downton v Hamble Club, East Cowes Vics v Pewsey Vale, Folland Sports v Shaftesbury, Hythe & Dibden v AFC Stoneham, New Milton v Alton, Ringwood v Weymouth Res, Romsey v Andover NS, Totton & Eling v Tadley Calvea, US Portsmouth v Laverstock & Ford.

PUMA ENGINEERING HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE  
Premier Division: Fleetlands v Colden Common, Hedge End Rangers v Clentfield, Liphook v Paulsgrove, Liss v Bush Hill, Locks Heath v Infinity, Overton v QK Southampton, Stockbridge v Winchester Castle.

Division One: Four Marks v South Wonston Swifts, Lyndhurst v AFC Petersfield, Michelmersh & Timsbury v Netley Central. Combination: Bush Hill v Paulsgrove, Winchester Castle v Four Marks.

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## NON LEAGUE FOOTBALL

## All-ticket showdown

SALISBURY'S mammoth Southern One South & West showdown with runaway league leaders Hereford next Saturday (March 25, 3pm) has been made an all-ticket affair.

Whites are acting on the advice of the Southern Football League.

It follows problems involving Bulls fans during their recent visit to Didcot Town.

Hereford had to submit a lengthy report to the Football Association after crowd trouble had forced the game at Didcot's Loop Meadow Stadium to be abandoned.

The club are awaiting the results of the investigation into the pitch invasion and what possible punishment may be imposed.

Urging Bulls supporters to take more responsibility



for their own actions, Hereford director George Webb said: "Although, in the main, our supporters are great ambassadors for this football club and behave extremely well both home and away, there is no getting away from the fact that, on a number of occasions, a small minority have behaved in a way that has caused the club embarrassment.

"We are continually working to address this problem and will never stop doing so."

Hereford have been allocated 1,000 tickets for next week's showdown with the Steve Claridge's play-off chasing Whites and will be selling them to season-ticket holders only.

● Salisbury fans can get further details on where and when to buy tickets at <http://www.salisburyfc.co.uk/index.php/news/731-hereford-ticket-information>

## Promotion dreams on hold for Lymington



John Pyatt

LYMINGTON Town want to be part of the Sydenhams Premier Division title fight next season, but promotion plans will have to wait for now.

Their Sports Ground home is undergoing major improvements, but all the time they share the facility with Lymington Cricket Club, there is no immediate prospect of delivering Southern League football to the town.

Lymo's director of football John Pyatt, though, is happy to take things one step at a time.

"We've got to get ourselves into

a position first (to stand a chance of going up) and then take it from there," he said.

"The trouble is that the cricket club's still there.

"There's a possibility of them moving to another venue at some stage and we're always hopeful, but that's long-term, something to think about for the future."

Lymington are far from treading water, however.

Work on the new clubhouse and changing rooms is well underway, new floodlights have been installed and the team are devel-

oping nicely on the pitch under the guidance of former Folland Sports manager/coach Dave Lewis and his right-hand man Dave Herbert.

"The important thing when I stepped down as manager was to make sure we maintained good structure on the pitch and started working on the ground to make the club an attractive proposition for sponsors," said Pyatt.

"The ground won't be finished this season but, by the start of next season, we will have state-of-the-art facilities."

## Jarvis signs up for Lymo title push

By Wendy Gee



STRIKER Ashley Jarvis has returned to Sydenhams Premier Division football after parting company with AFC Totton.

Jarvis – a member of the Salisbury squad that lifted the Wessex title last season – is aiming for another push for honours next term with Lymington Town.

While top-eight would represent a decent finish for Lymo this season, director of football John Pyatt wants them to "do a bit of damage" at the top end of the table next term under the guidance of Dave Lewis and Dave Herbert who both worked with Jarvis at Folland Sports.

Jarvis, 28, returned to Totton for a second stint last autumn after parting company with Moneyfields but recently left the Stags following budget cuts at the Testwood Stadium.

"Ashley had fallen out of love with the game a bit, but we managed to sell the club to him," said Pyatt.

"He knows Lewy and Dave Herbert well and we had a good chat to him about our plans.

"It's all about next year for us. We're trying to set the wheels in motion for a title push.

"The two Daves are 100 per cent committed and we're hoping we can do a bit of damage at the top."

As a 50 per cent shareholder in Nationwide Concreting Ltd, Pyatt was so busy at work that he was unable to carry on as team manager, eventually handing the reins to Lewis and assistant Herbert last October.

Five months on, he couldn't be happier with how the new management team are doing.

"We set our stall out to look at the existing squad and see if the lads had the mental strength for a title challenge next season," he explained.

"The training's been tremendous and their enthusiasm is rubbing on the lads.

"The good thing is that we all work really well together.

"We trust each other, there are no egos and we're all after the same thing - to be successful and enjoy ourselves along the way.

"I couldn't wish for two better blokes to run the team. The discipline's better because they're there all the time and that commands respect in itself."



Ashley Jarvis signs for Lymington

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Stuart Fleetwood in his Eastleigh days

## Terras want to keep Fleetwood

JASON Matthews is eager to keep former Eastleigh striker Stuart Fleetwood at Weymouth next season.

The experienced on-loan Bath City frontman recently said he was "open to any options" when asked about his future.

In the meantime, 30-year-old Fleetwood continues to impress, netting his 15th goal in Terras'

colours in a 2-2 Southern Premier draw at Merthyr Town last Saturday.

"Fleets is one we would like to keep. Whether it is possible or not, we will be speaking to Fleets over the next couple of weeks," said Matthews.

"Knowing Fleets and, with his goalscoring record over the years, he will have options on the table.

Whether Weymouth is viable with where he lives, I don't know.

"What I would say though is that Fleets is loving his time with us and I think we have given him a new lease of life.

"He is able to play with freedom with the management style I use."

Weymouth banked another away point on Tuesday, battling out a 0-0 stalemate at Hayes & Yeading.

## Hotshot challenge for Holmes

WIMBORNE Town boss Matty Holmes is challenging prolific striker Toby Holmes to finish as the Southern League's top scorer for 2016/17.

His poacher's finish in the 1-1 draw at North Leigh last weekend was his 29th goal of the campaign.

It left Holmes level with Tiverton's Levi Landricombe and two adrift of Hereford's John Mills in the Southern One South & West goal chart.

Salisbury's dynamic duo Justin Bennett and Tommy Wright might also have a say in it, having both netted against Winchester City in midweek.

"I've challenged Toby to become the top scorer in all the leagues," said Magpies' manager Holmes. "There is no reason why he can't do that.

"He has all the attributes



Toby Holmes

and he has the players behind him.

"He's two behind the Hereford boy, so I'm really pushing and demanding that Toby gets in those scoring positions every week. I'd love him to get that accolade because he deserves it."

With Wimborne on course to better their previous highest finish of 12th, the manager is delighted with the way his team have evolved during his first year in the job.

He said: "The longer the boys are together, the more they are understanding their roles, in terms of where they need to be when we haven't got the ball.

"If you are going to compete in games that is the thing you have to master."

● Wimborne Town stalwart Ken Fergus has been honoured for his outstanding contribution to Dorset football.

Fergus, the Magpies' finance director and jack-of-all trades, was presented with an engraved glass trophy at the Dorset County FA 2017 Volunteer Awards.

# Blossoming kids are bearing fruit

By Wendy Gee



BROCKENHURST'S blossoming under-18s and development squad are bearing fruit for Pat McManus's first team.

Top U18 goal scorer James Marshall and development squad player Leon Carbayo-Borges have both penned Sydenhams Wessex League forms for the Badgers.

Carbayo-Borges was scouted playing for Lymington Sprites U16s in February and has made several sub appearances for Brock's development squad.

Impressed with his dedication to training, McManus had no hesitation handing him his Wessex debut off the bench in Tuesday's 2-0 home victory over Team Solent, settled by a brace of Ryan Long penalties.

The youngster had to rush straight off for a good night's sleep afterwards, ready to sit a Spanish exam at Priestlands School the following day!

Will Lovell also earned a place on Brock's bench for his outstanding displays for both the U18s and development squad, while Noel McCarthy-Gardiner played 90 minutes as he continued his rise through the ranks since joining from New Milton U16s in the summer.

Brock's U18s currently top the Hampshire Youth Football League Division Two in their maiden season with only two games to go – away to Winchester March 26, and at home to Fareham Reds on April 2 (both 2pm kick-offs).

Adam Colmer's U14s and the U15s – managed by former AFC Bournemouth midfielder John Bailey – both won Bournemouth Youth Football League Cup semi-finals last weekend, signalling exciting times ahead for Brockenhurst.



Brockenhurst's Ryan Long.

As part of the New Forest club's development plans, they will be entering their U18s in the FA Youth Cup next season.

Meanwhile, Team Solent had to play over half Tuesday's Sydenhams Premier game a man light, having had inspirational skipper Jesse Waller-Lassen red-carded for raising his hands in retaliation after being fouled.

The ten-man Students were then penalised for Tobi Adekunle's challenge on Matt Burt and Long stepped up to sink his opening penalty in first-half stoppage time. Long repeated the trick on 85 minutes when, this time, Ellis White had been pulled up for a foul.

It was only the third time Solent had failed to score this season.

However, the plus point for James Taylor's Students was welcoming back defensive linchpin Ade Olumuyiwa from an eight-week injury lay-off.

Delighted Brock boss McManus tweeted: "A welcome 3 points v @TeamSolentFC ... 2 goals for Ryan Long and an excellent debut for 16yr old @Leonborges11 #Upthebadgers"

## Guardiola v Klopp

Pep Guardiola and Jurgen Klopp continue their rivalry on Sunday in the 10th fixture between the two managers.

Liverpool's win over Manchester City earlier this season handed Klopp a 5-4 lead in the head-to-head standings.

Here are their previous nine meetings.

**Dortmund 4 B Munich 2 - German Super Cup, July 2013**

Guardiola suffered defeat in his first competitive match in charge of Bayern Munich. Arjen Robben scored a brace but Marco Reus did likewise and Ilkay Gungodan's strike and a Daniel van Buyten own goal settled things in Dortmund's favour.

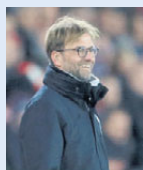
**Dortmund 0 B Munich 3 - Bundesliga, November 2013**

Bayern recorded their first league victory over Dortmund since 2010. Mario Gotze scored on his return to Dortmund, following his £31.5m transfer to Bayern that summer, and late goals from Robben and Thomas Muller wrapped up the three points.

**B Munich 0 Dortmund 3 - Bundesliga, April 2014**

Henrikh Mkhitaryan, Marco Reus and Jonas Hofmann gave Dortmund a comfortable victory at the Allianz

Arena. Guardiola, though, already had the Bundesliga title wrapped up in his first season in charge.



Jurgen Klopp

**Dortmund 0 B Munich 2 (aet) - German Cup final, May 2014**

Guardiola confirmed the domestic double in his first season with Bayern Munich. The game ended goalless after 90 minutes but extra-time goals from Robben and Muller secured victory.

**Dortmund 2 B Munich 0 - German Super Cup, August 2014**

Dortmund made it back-to-back Super Cup trophies, defeating Bayern for the second consecutive season.

**B Munich 2 Dortmund 1 - Bundesliga, November 2014**

Lewandowski scored the equaliser to cancel out a Reus opener and Robben's late penalty confirmed all three points.

**Dortmund 0 Bayern Munich 1 - Bundesliga, April 2015**

Lewandowski with the only goal of the game.

**Bayern Munich 1 Dortmund 1 - German Cup, April 2015**

Klopp ended the German phase of his rivalry with Guardiola with victory in the DFB-Pokal semi-final. Dortmund won in a shut-out, Bayern missing all four of their penalties.

**Liverpool 1 Man City 0 - Premier League, December 2016**

Klopp came out on top in the first Premier League battle between the pair as Georginio Wijnaldum's eighth-minute goal handed Liverpool the victory.

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## Bennett fires his way into the record books

HE WILL never match his goalscoring achievements for Gosport Borough, but Justin Bennett has already fired his way into the Salisbury FC record books.

His opening goal in Tuesday's 3-1 win over Winchester City was his 41st for the reformed club in all competitions since joining the Whites in May last year.

It took him one goal beyond Sam Wilson (who, by coincidence, was playing against the Whites for Winchester), whose tally of 40 last season earned him the Sydenhams Premier golden boot.

Bennett, scorer of a magnificent 263 goals in nine memorable years with Gosport, took less than two minutes to find the net on Tuesday, sending a glancing header past City 'keeper Lewis Noice from Eddie Perrett's cross.

Come the 23rd minute, Salisbury were 3-0 up with Tommy Wright and Perrett capitalising on a whirlwind start by the Whites.

Wilson also got his name on the scoresheet, stroking home after a swift City break involving Stuart Green and Craig Feeney, but play-off chasing Salisbury had already inflicted too much damage as they chalked up their 15th win in 16 Southern One South & West outings.

Salisbury were roared on by 600 fans and boss Steve Claridge said: "I thought we were fantastic for 20 minutes, then we did what we had to do.

"We weren't great, they probably had a couple of chances and we've had seven, eight or nine to put it to bed and we haven't.

"I was pleased we won but there



Salisbury's Justin Bennett (white strip)

are one or two massive question marks over one or two players."

Neither Bennett nor Whites

skipper Kane O'Keefe saw out the whole 90 minutes and Claridge

ruled: "I think there must be a curse on us as we cannot seem to get through a game without picking up more injuries."

# Players will not be paid for 'foreseeable future'

Wendy Gee



A HAMPSHIRE football club has told its players they will not be paid for "the foreseeable future."

Mid-table Southern One Central outfit Fleet Town have sent out an urgent SOS for a new chairman and financial backers following the death of their much-loved former chairman Steve Cantle prior to Christmas.

Vice-chairman and secretary Richard Whittington has warned fans that the club's long-term future is in serious peril despite the loyalty shown by their players and management team – led



Craig Davis

by former Bashley, Salisbury and AFC Totton midfielder Craig Davis – in carrying on as normal.

Whittington said: "Steve's un-

timely death has left a massive hole in the club emotionally, but particularly financially, and we are only now discovering the true financial input of Steve.

"He was in no uncertain terms bankrolling the playing budget.

"Firstly, I would like to thank our manager Craig Davis, his staff and the players for staying with us, despite the fact that they were informed at the beginning of February that there would be no money to pay them.

"Their performances since Christmas have been fantastic and I am proud to be associated with them, so thank you boys. The players and manager have been fantastic and we have only lost one or two even though they have been told that they won't be paid

for the foreseeable future."

Fleet are a former Wessex League club, who won the title with 100 points in 1994/95.

"The situation at the club is that we desperately need help both financially and by way of bodies to help on match days and to join the committee to help raise funds for the club," Whittington explained.

"We would like to pay the players, they are the ones who put the numbers through the turnstile, but at this moment, as the players and staff are aware, we cannot do that if it is to the detriment of the club.

"We cannot pay out what we do not have. Without support, both physical and financial, the club won't survive."

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## Stags come up trumps with third Cherries ace

AFC Totton manager  
Louis  
Langdown



Wendy  
Gee



AFC TOTTON have come up trumps with a third AFC Bournemouth youngster.

With teenage duo Connor York and Curtis Young having already won over the Testwood Stadium faithful, another young Cherry – Under-21s goalkeeper Pat O’Flaherty – is sure to score highly in the fans’ affections.

He had a sure-footed debut in last Saturday’s 2-0 Southern One South & West win at Bridgwater Town, pulling off one double save that manager Louis Langdown found hard to credit.

The boss marvelled: “At 2-0 up, we got a bit sloppy and Pat’s pulled out a save low to his right with his hand. It’s gone to their striker and Pat’s flipped his foot round and kicked it clear.

“I thought a defender had cleared it, but it turned out Pat was using his 6ft 5in frame to good effect!”

O’Flaherty, who had a previous loan spell with Totton during Steve Riley’s time in charge, has replaced Charlie Searle whose permitted 93-day loan from Havant & Waterlooville expired.

Langdown knew he was getting a more than competent replacement, saying: “Pat was excellent at Bridgwater. He says and does all the right things, which you’d expect from a pro ‘keeper. He commands his area, talks well and kicks well.

“He’s settled in nicely and it helps that he knows the Bournemouth boys and remembers some of our other lads like Dave Allen and Ian Oliver.”

Totton have added to their squad this week with the signing of 16-year-old Aldershot Town midfielder Matt Bozier.

A member of the Shots’ Knights Group Sports Academy, Bozier had been training with Gary Waddock’s first-team squad at the Vanarama National League club.



LOAN MOVE: Pat O’Flaherty impressed on his AFC Totton debut

Prior to Tuesday night, he had not played senior men’s football. But all that changed as Totton threw him in for the whole 90 minutes of a 2-2 draw at Paulton Rovers.

“Matt’s a central midfielder, but we played him wide left to protect him a bit so he wasn’t getting smashed,” said Langdown.

With an average age of 22 and six teenagers in the side,

a point at Paulton was not to be sneezed at for the 18th-placed Stags who had won their previous three games to banish any lingering relegation fears.

But, having twice gone in front through Dave Allen and Alf Whittingham and been convinced that young Calum Hellyar’s late effort had crossed the line, disappointment was the overriding feel-

ing on the journey home.

“It was a dejected dressing room,” admitted Langdown.

“We led twice, but unfortunately two errors cost us two goals. But a young side is going to make mistakes and the lads will learn.

“To go long distance two games on the spin and pick up four points shows the club has come a long way in a short space of time.”



Fawley AFC (blue strip) played its first game as part of the Holbury Community Sports Association last weekend

## Bid to secure future of sport on the Waterside

HUNDREDS of enthusiasts have banded together and launched a new association in a bid to secure the future of sport on the Waterside.

Holbury Community Sports Association aims to plug the gap left by the demise of Waterside Sports and Social Club, which collapsed last December amid claims it had debts of about £160,000, writes CHRIS YANDELL.

The club was based at Long Lane, Holbury, and operated from a huge site owned by Esso, which runs Fawley refinery.

Esso has given the new organisation a licence to use some of the same facilities in a move that has saved four sports clubs.

John Church, one of the association’s four directors, said the latest developments would enable Waterside Bowls Club, Fawley Cricket Club, Fawley AFC and Waterside Tennis Club to continue.

He added: “Fawley AFC played its first game on Saturday under the new structure.

“Although there will be challenges ahead and a lot of work to be carried out improving facilities all four clubs are totally committed to working together to ensure there is a future for the sports in the community for years to come.”

Brian Mainwaring, secretary of the bowls club, added: “The four sections got together and we’re thrilled to bits with

the outcome.

“If the association hadn’t been formed – and Esso hadn’t agreed to help – there would have been no bowls, cricket, tennis or football at the site.

“We can’t do much about the main club but we have resurrected sport.”

Other enthusiasts have taken to social media to voice their delight. Fawley Cricket Club tweeted:

“Holbury CSA is up and running. Been a tough few months but exciting times ahead.”

As reported in the Daily Echo, the social club closed in December with the loss of about 40 part-time jobs.

A statement issued at the time said: “It is with great sadness that our wonderful club was forced to close its doors to our members and staff following the failure of a financial recovery plan.

“To have continued under these circumstances would have meant we were breaking the law by trading whilst insolvent.”

Members later launched a campaign to save the club, which had been at the heart of the local community for more than 60 years.

A statement issued by Esso earlier this year said: “We are sorry to learn that the Waterside Sports and Social Club has been forced to close due to financial difficulties.

“We are investigating whether a viable alternative to the social club can be found.”

## Leicester v Atletico

Premier League champions Leicester have been drawn against LaLiga club Atletico Madrid in the Champions League quarter-finals.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at what Craig Shakespeare's side can expect in the last eight.

### FORM

Atletico, the surprise Spanish champions in 2014, are not at the peak of their powers in the league and with 11 games to go they trail city rivals Real Madrid by 10 points.

Despite a difficult autumn they have won eight of their last 12 LaLiga fixtures, losing only to Barcelona, and they are unbeaten away from home since December.

In Europe, they won five of their group-stage matches and were convincing in getting past Bayer Leverkusen 4-2 on aggregate in the last 16.

### KEY PLAYERS

Someone boasts one of



Craig Shakespeare

the world's most coveted forwards in France international Antoine Griezmann, who has scored 17 domestic goals this season and another four in the Champions League.

Atletico's frontline also includes former Liverpool and Chelsea striker Fernando Torres, a seasoned continental campaigner, and French hotshot Kevin Gameiro, a key asset on all fronts this term.

The Rojiblancos are more than just an attacking force, though, and a rearguard comprising Diego Godin, Filipe Luis and Juanfran makes trips to the Calderon arduous and often unprofitable.

### EUROPEAN RECORD

Atletico have reached the final twice in the last three years, losing to their Madrid foes Real on both occasions. They also won the Europa League in 2010 and 2012.

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# Tubbs' habit of

By Simon Carter



MATT Tubbs made his fourth goalscoring debut of the 2016/17 season last weekend.

Returning to Eastleigh, following an unsuccessful loan spell last year, the 32-year-old netted in a 2-0 home win over Barrow.

That brought the smiles back to everyone at the Spitfires as it was the club's first home win since beating Torquay 137 days earlier.

Tubbs started this season having joined Eastleigh's National League rivals Forest Green Rovers after being released by Portsmouth.

After coming on as a sub on the opening day, Tubbs celebrated his first start - and his home debut - by netting against Sutton United.

But the move quickly turned sour and after just nine league games - and two goals - he was sent on loan to divisional rivals Woking.

There he took just 23 minutes to score on his debut - in a 3-3 draw against Ronnie Moore's Eastleigh.

After three goals in six games for the Cards, Tubbs was back at Forest Green. There he played two more matches before moving on again - this time to Paul Doswell's Sutton on a permanent deal.

Again, Tubbs made an instant impact - scoring on his debut as Sutton beat League 2 club Cheltenham 2-1 in the FA Cup second round.

Tubbs started both third round ties against another of his former clubs, AFC Wimbledon, but was an unused sub against both Leeds and Arsenal.

He was to score twice in five league appearances for Sutton - the first goal coming against Eastleigh on January 21.

Again, that move didn't work out and so Richard Hill jumped at the chance to bring Tubbs back to the Silverlake Stadium.

That was despite Tubbs' loan spell at the club in the second half of 2015/16 producing just two goals in 16 appearances.

That was a poor return for a player who the previous season had finished as the leading scorer in League 2.

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at Tubbs' impressive career, where highlights included helping hometown club Salisbury City to back to back promotions and firing Crawley Town into the Football League.

Tubbs was a youth team player at Cherries before joining the Bolton Wanderers under-23 squad in 2001.



Matt Tubbs scores for Eastleigh against Barrow last weekend. Middle (top): Tubbs in FA Cup action at Old Trafford in 2011. Middle (middle) - Tubbs scores for Salisbury against Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup in 2006. Middle (bottom): Tubbs with new Eastleigh colleague Craig McAllister at Crawley in 2011.



Two years later he rejoined Cherries on non-contract terms, before dropping into non-League football with Dorchester Town.

In October 2003 he joined Salisbury, where his career took off.

### 2003/2004

Finished as Salisbury's top scorer, with 21 goals in 41 appearances

in the Southern League (Eastern Division) season.

### 2004/2005

Scored eight goals in 33 Isthmian Premier League appearances.

### 2005/2006

Scored 18 goals in 31 appearances as Nick Holmes' Salisbury won

the Southern League Premier Division title.

### 2006/2007

Tubbs blasted 26 goals in all competitions - including 18 in the league - as Salisbury won a second successive promotion.

His final goal of the season was his late play-off winner against

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## instant impacts



Braintree Town, catapulting the club into the top tier of English non league football for the first time.

Tubbs also hit the national headlines with Salisbury's FA Cup second round equaliser at home to former European champions Nottingham Forest.

At the time he was working as a lifeguard at Sandy Balls Holiday

Centre out the outskirts of Ford- ingbridge.

At the end of the season, he made his debut for the England non league team.

### 2007/2008

Scored his 100th goal for Salisbury, again finishing as the club's top league scorer with 16 goals.

The Wiltshire club claimed a highly satisfactory 12th place in their debut season among the non league elite.

### 2008/2009

Returned to Bournemouth - then struggling towards the bottom of League 2 - on loan in November 2008. Making his Football

League debut, he scored once in eight games before returning to Salisbury. There his form in front of goal suffered, and he only scored three Conference Premier goals all season.

### 2009/2010

Tubbs began a remarkable three seasons of scoring by hitting 32 goals for Salisbury in all competitions.

Twenty six of them came in the league, where he finished as the joint top scorer with York's Richard Brodie.

Despite Salisbury again finishing in mid-table, the club are hit with a two division relegation after entering administration a few months earlier.

### 2010/2011

After being relegated back to the Southern League, Salisbury are unable to keep their star striker.

Conference Premier side Crawley snap him up for a club record £55,000 - a huge sum for a non league club.

Tubbs easily repays that sum by enjoying a sensational debut season at the Sussex club. He belts 37 goals in only 41 league appearances as Crawley romp to the Conference title, easily winning the league's Golden Boot.

There are three hat-tricks, against Altrincham, Wrexham and Rushden.

He also scores six FA Cup goals as Crawley reach the fifth round of the FA Cup - the first non league side to reach that stage since Telford in the mid 1980s.

Playing up front alongside his current Eastleigh colleague Craig McAllister, Tubbs scores the fourth round winner at Torquay. That sets Crawley up for a massive last 16 tie at Old Trafford, where they only lose 1-0.

In all, Tubbs hits 40 goals in 48 league and cup appearances.

### 2011/2012

Returning to the Football League for the first time since his loan spell with Cherries, Tubbs carries on scoring.

He nets 18 goals in 31 appearances - including FA Cup third and fourth round winners against Bristol City and Hull City.

That last goal against the Tigers is his last for Crawley, as a few days later he returns to Bournemouth - yet again - in a permanent deal believed to be worth around £800,000.

The Cherries are now upwardly mobile, and starting to spend big.

Indeed, Tubbs becomes their record signing - though in years to come the £800,000 fee will be shattered time and time again.

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## Man United v Anderlecht

Jose Mourinho's Manchester United have been drawn against Belgian club Anderlecht in the Europa League quarter-finals.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at what United can expect from their last-eight opponents.

### FORM

Anderlecht, who are coached by Rene Weiler, are the current Belgian First Division A leaders, with Club Brugge trailing them by two points.

The Paars-wit - or Purple and Whites - have won 11 of their last 15 league matches, losing only once.

Just once in all competitions have Anderlecht lost at home this term, to Westerlo in September.

The Belgians swept into the Europa League group stages with a two-legged demolition of Slavia Prague, and they lost only once in the pool, to St Etienne once progress had already been secured.



Jose Mourinho

They needed an away goal to edge past Zenit St Petersburg in the last 32 but moved more confidently past Apol Nicosia to book their last-eight place.

### KEY PLAYERS

Algerian captain Sofiane Hanni is a goal-scoring threat in midfield, while on-loan Lukasz Teodorczyk has fired 28 goals in all competitions this term, including seven in Europe.

Frank Acheampong, 23, is enjoying a breakthrough campaign after four average seasons with the Belgian capital's club, with his goals helping secure vital victories against Zenit and Apol Nicosia.

### EUROPEAN RECORD

Anderlecht's best days in continental competition came in the 1970s when they won the European Cup Winners Cup twice (1976, 1978) and the European Super Cup twice.

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Crawley manager Steve Evans admits "shedding a tear" when he realises he cannot keep Tubbs from returning to Dean Court.

Tubbs scores on his second Cherries debut, in a 2-0 home win over Exeter in February 2012, but that is the only goal he manages for the rest of the season.

## 2012/2013

Scored just six goals in 31 League 1 appearances - of which 25 were as a substitute as he was unable to dislodge Brett Pitman and Lewis Grabban as Cherries' regular strike pair.

## 2013-2014

With Cherries now in the Championship, Tubbs was totally out of Eddie Howe's plans. As a result, he started the season on loan at League 1 Rotherham alongside his former Crawley boss Steve Evans.

He managed just one goal in 17 league games, though, before returning to Crawley on loan.

Tubbs began where he left off at the Sussex club - by now in League 1 - with six goals in his first six league games. But he only managed two in his next 12 appearances.

## 2014-2015

Still firmly out of the picture at Cherries, Tubbs moved down to League 2 where he joined AFC Wimbledon on a season long loan.

There he rediscovered his form, with 12 goals in 22 league games.

Though Wimbledon were desperate to make the move permanent, they could not compete with Portsmouth's bigger wealth and Tubbs moved to Fratton Park in January 2015.

His last game for the Dons was live on BBC, against Liverpool in an FA Cup tie at Kingsmeadow.

Tubbs scored nine goals for Pompey in 23 League 2 appearances - including a hat-trick in a 6-2 win at Cambridge - and ended the season with 21 league goals.

That was enough to see him win the Golden Boot, scoring two more goals than Dagenham's Jamie Cureton (who, like Tubbs, has played for Eastleigh this term).

## 2015-2016

A change in management at Fratton, with Paul Cook arriving in the summer of 2015, heralded the end of Tubbs' brief Fratton Park career.

Though he scored a handful of games, he quickly lost his place and didn't play at all between the end of October and the beginning of February when he joined Eastleigh on loan.

It was quite a coup for the Spitfires, then managed by Chris Todd, to sign Tubbs.

But the player only scored once in his first 15 games - a penalty against Chester - as the club missed out on the National League play-offs.

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SAINTS

# Saints' path to

By Simon Carter



IN times of plenty, it is worth remembering when the cupboard was bare.

That way, you get a better understanding of how times have changed.

So it is with Southampton Football Club's financial muscle.

Figures revealed this week showed Saints banked a record £124.2m for the year ending June 30, 2016.

That was up on the previous financial year's £113.7m total, which itself had been a new record.

The sum that will fall into the club's bank account when the next figures are released in 12 months time will be another record.

And so it seemingly goes on, with ever more money pouring into the coffers of the elite clubs.

The Premier League, totally recession-proof.

Of course, it wasn't always like this. Not at all. And certainly not at Southampton FC.

Bear in mind, if you will, the events of April 1 2009.

Not that long ago, really. Just under eight years.

That was the day Southampton Leisure Holdings PLC - Saints' parent company - went into administration.

They did so after they had breached their £4m overdraft limit with Barclays Bank.

And as the Echo reported at the time, the club had only just breached it - to the tune of around £110,000.

Still, that was sufficient for Barclays to pull the plug, sparking off a series of events resulted in the administrators being called in.

All that upset, all that upheaval, all that uncertainty regarding Saints' future in the summer of 2009 ... and all because the club had breached an overdraft limit by £110,000.

Compare that to today, where Saints and their Premier League rivals share the fruits of the largest television deals in football's history.

It's fascinating to look back to a time not that long ago, and see just how the elite's bank balances have become seriously bloated.

Back in 1996/97 - a time when football in this country was on the up following the success of Euro 96, well a success by English standards anyway - Saints' entire turnover was £6.3m.

To put that into some kind of context, Newcastle had paid Blackburn £15m for ex-Saint Alan Shearer in the summer of 1996,



Markus Liebherr rescued Saints from potential oblivion, after a season (2008/09) where they had received less than £9m in total income.

making him the world's most expensive footballer.

In 1997/98, Saints' entire turnover rose to a record £14.8m.

Television income in 1997/98 was around £6m.

Compare that to the financial year 2015/16, when Saints banked over £90m from television deals - including £29.4m from overseas deals and almost £22m from do-

mestic deals.

Matchday income in the 1997/98 season was £4m, compared to £18.8m in 2015/16.

Saints' wage bill in 1997/98 was just £4.6m. In 2015/16 it was £74m - a rise of around £70m in 18 years. Some increase.

In 1999 Saints' turnover rose slightly to £15.6m and in 2000 it had risen again, to £20.8m.

Within 16 years, they would earn over four times that much just from television income.

Saints made a loss of £7.7m in first year following the Markus Liebherr takeover, 2009/10.

Despite Saints being in the third division, they reported an increase in turnover to £14.281m - up from just £8.85m in 2008/09.

You read that right. In the finan-

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## times of plenty



Saints have invested heavily in new players in the last four years, including £13m on centre half Virgil van Dijk.

cial year to June 2009 - just seven years prior to the latest set of Saints accounts - the club's entire turnover was under £9m. Now they routinely buy players for more than that sum.

By 2012/13, with Saints back in the Premier League and accessing the riches of ever greater television contracts, the club's turnover had rocketed to £71.8m.

That rose again in 2013/14 to £106.1m, and again to £113.7m in 2014/15.

From a turnover of £8.85m in 2008/09 to one of £124.2m just seven years later!

In terms of a percentage rise - around 1,400 per cent - that is a figure surely unequalled in world sport, certainly at elite level.

Saints were delighted to an-

nounce their commercial revenues had risen to £12m for the year ending June 30, 2016.

That was up from just over £10m in 2014/15.

They are certainly going in the right direction, yet look at what they are up against.

In the same 2015/16 financial period, Manchester United's match-day income was £102m - compared

to Saints' £18.8m.

But get this - while Saints' commercial income was £12m, United's was £272.1m.

And Saints should STILL have beaten them at Wembley last month!

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The key figure contained in 46 pages of Saints accounts this week was the £93.5m the club have invested in the playing squad since 2013/14.

That season is significant for it being the last involving former executive chairman Nicola Cortese, who left in January 2014 after a controversial spell in charge at St Mary's.

While Saints' on-field fortunes only went one way during his time at the club, off the field he alienated many with his confrontational attitude.

Some fans still believe Saints would have kept hold of some of their crown jewels had Cortese remained at the club. That is hypothetical, but by listing recent spending in the accounts - in a way they have never previously done - they no doubt aim to show critics they have been investing in their playing squad.

Despite the club's three successive top eight Premier League finishes, some fans still feel Saints have not spent all the vast amounts of money they have banked from selling star names.

The accounts show a different story.

Since 2013-14 season there has been a huge net spend.

It continues over a period of four seasons, and includes the forecast for the current campaign.

It shows Saints have brought in £175.1m in player sales during that time, and spent £220.2m in purchases.

That is a net spend of £45.2m

In addition player wages have gone up a staggering £48.4m over the four seasons in question.

It leaves the total investment at £93.5m.

Chief executive Gareth Rogers told the Echo: "If you go back to the 13-14 season to the current day we have spent just over £40m more on players than we have taken in."

"In addition to that the wage bill has gone up just under £50m since we came back to the Premier League."

"Overall you are looking at a £94m investment over a four year period."

"Yes there is the common belief that we don't invest."

"I don't agree with it and the figures are audited, they are there, they go out into the accounts and people make their own minds up."

"We are confident we are doing the right thing."

## Highlights

Nick Robson picks out four highlights from another eventful Cheltenham Festival:

### HERE TO STAY

After winning the Gold Cup last year, Gordon Elliott banged in a five-timer over the first two days - adding another for good measure on the final afternoon - and still has a sizeable advantage over Willie Mullins in the race to be Ireland's champion trainer. Make no mistake, the man from Cullentra will be a permanent Festival fixture for many years to come.

### YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN

After drawing a blank of the first two days, when even the seemingly unbeatable Douvan was turned over, Mullins kept his counsel with honour and grace. Mullins did not bleat about any hard-luck stories when the chips were down, and emphatically bounced back on Thursday with a brilliant four-timer. His ability to keep



Gordon Elliott

calm, when winning and losing, is a lesson to all.

### A STAR IS BORN

Jack Kennedy is 17. Most of his friends are in colleges and sixth forms, yet he is riding at the Cheltenham Festival. Neither Ruby Walsh nor Tony McCoy had managed a winner at that stage of their career.

### HANDICAPPER IS MAINLY RIGHT

There was an awful lot of displeasure voiced by some connections of the Irish battalion who felt they had been hard done by ahead of the handicaps this week.

Big-race wins for the likes of Presenting Percy, Road To Respect, Supasundae, Champagne Classic, Arctic Fire, Tully East and Rock The World tend to suggest chief assessor Phil Smith got things just about on the money after all.

## Man City v Reds numbers

Manchester City host Liverpool on Sunday as the battle continues for places in the top four of the Premier League.

Here, the Sports Pink looks ahead to the fixture in numbers.

**39**

Meetings between the sides in the Premier League. Liverpool have won 18 and City seven, with 14 draws.

**34**

Goals in the last 10 meetings between the two sides in all competitions.

**4**

Liverpool have won the last four Premier League meetings, but lost to City in last season's League Cup final.



James Milner

**3**

Players who could face their former club on Sunday. Liverpool's James Milner and Daniel Sturridge will both return to the Etihad Stadium, whilst Raheem Sterling moved from Liverpool to City for £50m in 2015.

**2013**

The last time there was a draw between the two sides in the Premier League.

**12**

Top scorers Sadio Mane and Sergio Aguero each have 12 Premier League goals this season, though Aguero has added the same again in other competitions.

**1**

Liverpool have only won one league game at the Etihad since 2008 - a 4-1 win last season.

**22**

Goals in the last six league meetings at the Etihad.

**10**

It will be the 10th fixture between Pep Guardiola and Jurgen Klopp.

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# Why Kane is so

Harry Kane has scored 37 per cent of Tottenham's 52 league goals this season.

That statistic emphasises just how much Mauricio Pochettino will miss him against Saints at White Hart Lane this weekend.

But Spurs do not rely on their leading marksman as much as any clubs.

Entering this weekend's round of games, Everton have relied on Romelu Lukaku - the top flight's 19-goal joint to scorer alongside Kane - for 40 per cent of their league goals.

Manchester United have relied on Zlatan Ibrahimovic for 38 per cent of their goals.

Sunderland, though, have relied on veteran Jermain Defoe for a huge 58 per cent of their strikes.

The former England international has struck 14 times - and the Black Cats have only netted 24 times in all.

Good news for title favourites Chelsea is the fact that 17-goal top scorer Diego Costa has provided only 30 per cent of his side's 57 goals.

● Harry Kane's latest ankle injury could deny him his second successive Premier League Golden Boot.

The Tottenham star won his first award in 2015/16, hitting 26 goals to finish one ahead of Jamie Vardy and Sergio Aguero.

He is currently level on 19 goals with Romelu Lukaku. But while the Belgian has scored his goals from 26 starts and one as a sub, Kane has only made 22 starts.

Lukaku has scored a goal every 125 minutes of league action, while Kane has netted every 100 minutes.

Only four players have ever won two successive Golden Boots - Alan Shearer, Thierry Henry, Michael Owen and Robin van Persie.

Shearer (95-97) and Henry (04-06) both won it three years running, while Owen (98-99) shared his first boot with Dio Dublin.

Van Persie is the only player to win it in successive seasons with different clubs - first with Arsenal in 2011/12 and then with Manchester United 12 months later.

Alexis Sánchez and Diego Costa are both breathing down the necks of the top two marksmen. They both have 17 league goals apiece - two more than Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

Jermain Defoe (14), Dele Alli (13), Sadio Mané (12), Aguero (12) and Hazard (11) completed the top 10 entering this weekend's games.

● Romelu Lukaku is aiming to become only the third Everton striker since 1939 to finish as the top flight's leading marksman.

The last Toffees ace to achieve the feat was Gary Lineker in 1985/86, and prior to that it was



Phil Boyer scores one of his 23 league goals for Saints in 1979/80



Tottenham Hotspur's Harry Kane celebrates scoring one of his 19 Premier League goals of the season.

Bob Latchford in 1977/78.

Despite the rarity of Golden Boots at Goodison Park in post-war times, no club has provided the First Division/Premier League top scorer more times.

Everton players have topped the charts on 12 occasions - Dixie Dean (1928, 1932) and Tommy Lawton (1938, 1939) both doing it twice.

Saints have provided the top scorer five times.

Ron Davies achieved the feat twice - in his first two seasons at The Dell, in 1966/67 and 1967/68. In his debut campaign the Welshman blasted 37 goals - no player in top flight history has even equalled that number since, let alone beaten it. In his second season, Davies struck 28 times - shar-

ing the Golden Boot with George Best.

Mick Channon was the top flight's top scorer in 1973/74 with 21 goals, even though Saints were relegated.

Phil Boyer was top scorer in 1979/80 with 23 goals, while Kevin Keegan netted 26 times in 1981/82 - prior to making the shock call to drop down to the Second Division

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## crucial to Spurs



Everton's Romelu Lukaku has the chance to become only the third Toffees striker since 1939 to win the top flight's Golden Boot.

Gaston Ramirez, below left, has picked up eight bookings for Middlesbrough this term.



with Newcastle after that summer's World Cup.

● Saints come up against one of the Premier League's most creative players this weekend.

Christian Eriksen has provided 10 assists in the league so far - the second highest in the top flight behind Swansea's Gylfi Sigurdsson.

Alexis Sánchez's importance to Arsenal is underlined by the fact that, in addition to his 17 goals, he has also provided nine assists.

Kevin De Bruyne also has nine assists - one more than Matt Phillips, one of the unsung heroes of West Bromwich Albion's surprise top 10 placing.

Ex-Saints skipper Adam Lallana is one of a handful of play-

ers with seven assists - alongside Cesc Fàbregas, Pedro and Ross Barkley.

Saints' highest assist providers are James Ward-Prowse and Dusan Tadic with four each.

● FORMER Saints record signing Gaston Ramirez is one of the most cautioned players in the Premier League this season. The

Middlesbrough midfielder has been booked eight times in his 20 appearances.

Watford's José Holebas is the most frequently cautioned player with 12 yellows - three more than West Brom's Craig Dawson. A host of players join Ramirez on eight bookings - including Cherries midfielder Harry Arter; Crystal Palace's ex-Saint Jason Puncheon and Liverpool's Jordan Henderson.

Oriol Romeu has picked up more bookings than any other Saint - just six. That is one less than his former St Mary's colleague Victor Wanyama, who last season was sent off three times in the league for Saints.

This season two players have been sent off twice - Manchester City's Fernandinho and Granit Xhaka of Arsenal.

● Zlatan Ibrahimovic is averaging 4.4 efforts on goal in his 25 league games in 2016/17.

Next best is Sergio Agüero (4.2), Christian Eriksen (3.7), Alexis Sánchez (3.5), Paul Pogba (3.4),

Philippe Coutinho (3.3) and Harry Kane (3.1).

Nathan Redmond is top for Saints with an average of 2.5 efforts per game - the same as Tottenham's Delle Alli.

Eriksen has averaged providing three chances per game for his Tottenham colleagues this term. That is the highest figure among current Premier League players.

The only higher figure this season is former West Ham playmaker Dimitri Payet, who averaged 3.1 chances per game.

Mesut Özil and Kevin De Bruyne are both averaging 2.8.

Highest Saint is Dusan Tadic, who is averaging exactly two chances per game - the same as Paul Pogba, Eden Hazard and Jason Puncheon.

● Few players like a dribble more than Saints' record signing Soufiane Boufal.

The Moroccan international is averaging 3.1 dribbles per league game this term. Only three players average more - Boro's Adama Traoré (5.3), Chelsea's Eden Hazard (4.6) and Palace's Wilfried Zaha (4).

● Cherries defender Steve Cook has played every single minute of his side's 28 league games. The only other outfield players with that ever-present record, after 28 games, are Burnley pair Ben Mee and Michael Keane and West Brom's Gareth McAuley.

Ex-Saint Nathaniel Clyne has played every minute of Liverpool's 27 league games. That's a record he shares with Boro's Ben Gibson, Chelsea's César Azpilicueta and Stoke's Erik Pieters.

## Surprise

Bournemouth boss Eddie Howe cannot understand why Jack Wilshere was left out of the England squad by new boss Gareth Southgate.

Midfielder Wilshere, who is on a season loan from Arsenal, was not included in the 26-man line-up to face Germany and Lithuania, while West Brom's Jake Livermore and Saints pair James Ward-Prowse and Nathan Redmond were handed unexpected call-ups.

Howe feels the way the 25-year-old has gone about producing consistent displays in the Premier League this season has answered some of his critics over fitness issues, and believes Wilshere would have proven a valuable addition for the Three Lions.

"It is very difficult to put any other hat on than the Bournemouth hat, so am I surprised? Yes, because of the quality of the player Jack is, but I am not looking at the (England) squad in terms of who else there is to pick from," Howe said.

"I have been very



Jack Wilshere

consistent (with my thoughts) throughout the season. Jack has performed really well for us.

"The only question mark hanging over him before coming here was his ability to play consecutive games to keep fit, and he has done that.

"I still feel there is a lot more to come as he continues to get back to his very highest levels, so we have been very pleased with him."

Wilshere came off the bench to make a telling impact as he helped set up a late winning goal for Josh King against West Ham.

Howe added: "Of course, it goes without saying (he is a crucial player for Bournemouth).

"Jack showed last week just how important he is to us - he played an absolute pivotal role in the third goal.

"It was a great goal for us to score in the manner it came about, and Jack showed his quality in that moment."

## Lukaku Q & A

Romelu Lukaku has told Everton he will not sign a new contract, throwing the striker's future at Goodison Park into doubt. The 23-year-old has overtaken Duncan Ferguson to become the 'Toffees' leading Premier League goalscorer and sits at the top of this season's chart. Here, the Sports Pink answers the key questions about the saga.

### Is this a surprise?

Yes and no. Lukaku's agent Mino Raiola has been making encouraging noises about a new deal and last week said it was "99.99999999" per cent done. Lukaku therefore appears to have made a U-turn, but the Belgian has not made any secret of his desire to play Champions League football so the warning signs were there.

### Will he definitely leave this summer?

No. Lukaku is tied to a contract at Goodison Park until the summer of 2019 so



Romelu Lukaku

Everton could play hardball if they are unable to change the striker's mind. If they are prepared to let him leave, then securing a big fee will be the priority. One of the sticking points is believed to be Everton's desire for a £90million release clause - which would mean any buyer would have to pay a world record fee - while Lukaku's camp want it to be £70million.

### Who would be interested?

Who wouldn't? Lukaku has established himself in the Premier League, albeit not at one of the very top clubs, and is only 23. He has been linked with a return to former club Chelsea, although it is tough to see him displacing Diego Costa, while both Manchester clubs are sure to be keen. If he wants to venture abroad, then Paris St Germain would have the cash while Spain could also be a possible destination.

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# Far better than

By Simon  
Carter



SAINTS seem to have struck lucky with the signing of Manolo Gabbiadini.

The striker was aiming to score for the fifth Saints match running at White Hart Lane this weekend.

Not all Italian strikers who have appeared in the Premier League have fared so well as Gabbiadini, though.

In fact there have been some disastrous signings.

Here, the Sports Pink looks back at some of them ...

### Gabriele Ambrosetti

Signed from Vicenza in the summer of 1999 for £3.5m, the striker only managed 16 league appearances in four years at Stamford Bridge - failing to score a single goal. His sole goal for the club came in a Champions League tie against Galatasaray. He was twice loaned to Piacenza and once to former club Vicenza prior to joining Piacenza permanently in 2003.

### Rolando Bianchi

The striker cost City £8.5m from Reggina in the summer of 2007, but after only four league goals in 19 appearances was back in Italy the following January - joining Lazio on loan. A permanent move to AC Milan followed in the summer of 2008.

### Nicola Ventola

The former Inter Milan striker was a marquee signing for Crystal Palace when he arrived on transfer deadline day in August 2004. But his season was to be wrecked by injury, restricting him to just three appearances and one goal - that coming against Saints at Selhurst Park in the penultimate game of a season that ended with Palace relegated.

### Vincenzo Montella

A prolific marksman for Roma, Montella arrived at Fulham on loan in the January 2007 transfer window. But he was to play only 10 league games - scoring twice - and fell out of favour when Lawrie Sanchez was brought in to replace the sacked Chris Coleman. The loan was terminated before it was due to finish.

### Pierluigi Casiraghi

Another expensive flop at Chelsea, who signed the player for £5.4m in May 1998 after prolific spells with Juventus and Lazio. Only made 10 league appearances in two seasons at Stamford Bridge, scoring once.

Manolo Gabbiadini celebrates scoring his second goal in the League Cup final. Below - Gabbiadini wheels away after scoring at Watford. Below right - Gabbiadini in action at Vicarage Road a fortnight ago.



### Bernardo Corradi

Hands up who remembers Corradi? No, thought not.

Signed from Valencia in the summer of 2006, he was sent off on his league debut - against Chelsea - and didn't score his first goal until his 13th appearance. In December he was sent off again, for

two bookings against Manchester United. In all, he only made 25 league appearances over two seasons and scored just three goals.

### Corrado Grabbi

Blackburn splashed out £7.5m to sign the striker from Italian club Ternana in the summer of 2001. He was to leave in January

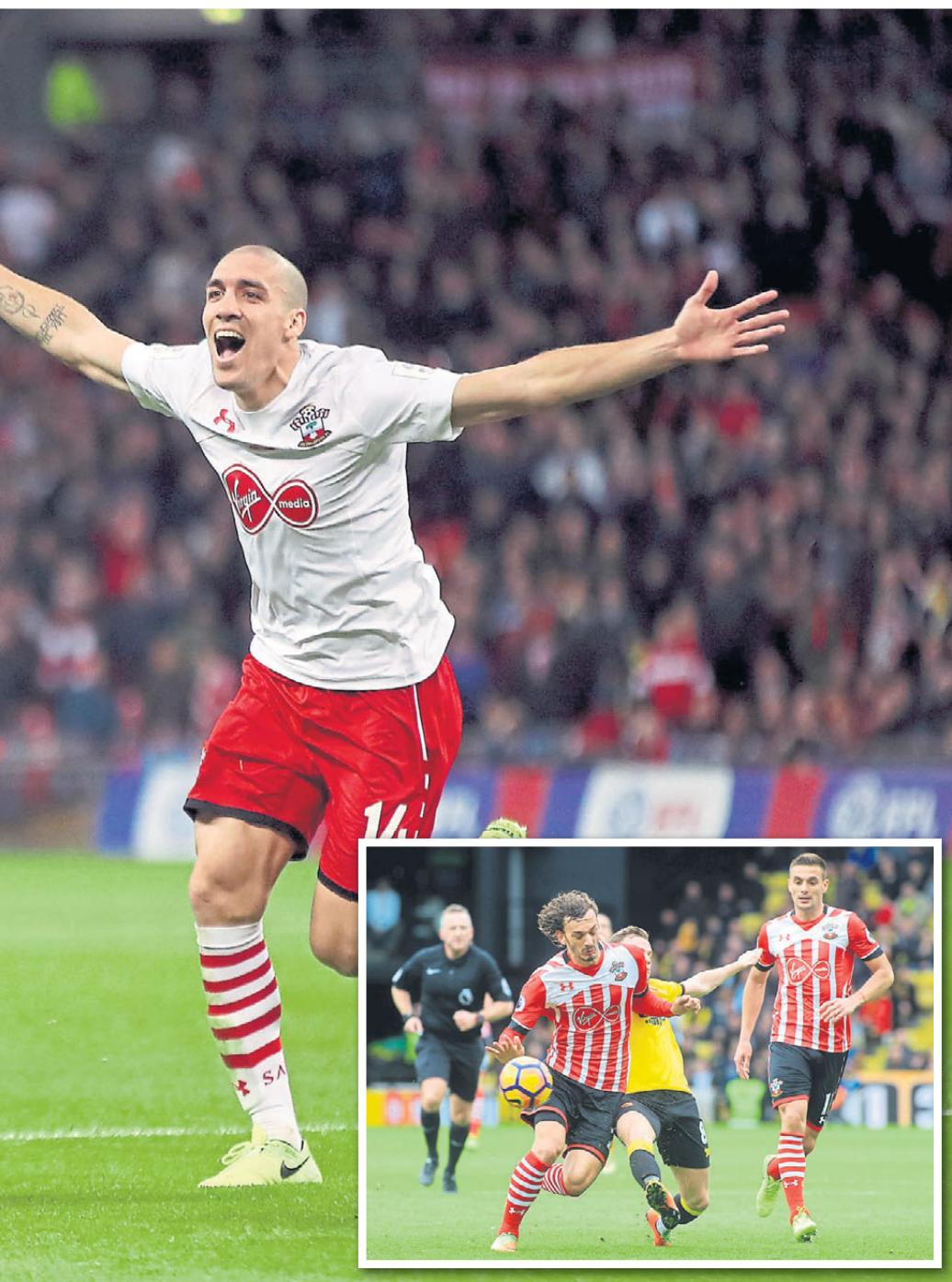
2004 having only managed two goals in 30 Premier League appearances - only 11 of which were starts.

### Alberto Paloschi

The Swans splashed out £8m in January 2016 to sign the striker from Chievo. He netted just twice in 10 league appearances - seven

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## these Italians ...



of which were starts - before returning to Italy to sign for Atalanta in the summer. At least the Swans recouped some of their cash - selling him for £6m.

### Francesco Sanetti

A free transfer signing from Genoa in April 1998, Sanetti scored on his league debut for the

Owls against Aston Villa. But he only ever made one start and four sub appearances for the club.

### Andrea Silenzi

Became the first Italian to play in the Premier League when Nottingham Forest boss Frank Clark splashed out £1.8m to sign him from Torino in May 1995. The

move was a disaster, with the player failing to score in 12

### David Di Michele

Signed on a season long loan from Torino in 2008/09, Di Michele initially impressed with two goals on his West Ham home debut against Newcastle. But that was as good as it got, and the

striker left Upton Park having scored just four times in 30 league appearances (22 starts).

### Marco Borriello

Possessing a relatively good record for Genoa, Roma and Inter Milan, the striker arrived on loan at West Ham in the January 2014 transfer window. He was to make only two sub appearances before suffering a calf injury and he never played for the club again.

### Stefano Gioacchini

Joined Coventry on loan in December 1998, but only made three sub appearances that season. The move was made permanent in the summer of 1999 for £2m, but the player never appeared for the Sky Blues again.

### Dani Osvaldo

Saving him until last, here's possibly the worst value Italian striker ever to play in the Premier League.

Saints shattered their club transfer record to sign the temperamental forward from Roma in August 2013 for a fee of around £15.7m.

He was to score just three times in 13 league games - nine of which were starts - before he was sent back to Serie A in disgrace for headbutting skipper Jose Fonte in training. He never played for Saints again and eventually had his contract cancelled.

But there have been some good Italian signings ...

### Graziano Pelle

One of Ronald Koeman's first signings as Saints boss, for £8m in July 2014, Pelle was top league scorer with 12 goals in 38 games in his debut season. Scored 11 more last season before a lucrative move to the Chinese Super League made him one of the best paid players in world football. Not bad for someone who had never played international football prior to signing for Southampton.

### Gianfranco Zola

Signed for £4.5m in November 1996, Zola won the Football Writers Player of the Year award at the end of his first season in English football. In his second season, 1997/98, he helped Chelsea win the League Cup, the Cup Winners Cup and the Super Cup. In all, he struck 59 goals in 229 games in seven years at Stamford Bridge.

### Paolo Di Canio

Scored 48 goals in 118 games for West Ham after Harry Redknapp paid £1.8m to sign him from Sheffield Wednesday in January 1999.

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## Foxes repeat

Leicester met their Champions League quarter-final opponents Atletico Madrid in the UEFA Cup in the 1997-98 season.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at those first round games which saw Leicester lose 4-1 on aggregate.

### Atletico Madrid 2 Leicester 1 - September 16, 1997

Atletico secured a slender first-leg advantage with two goals in the final 20 minutes at the Vicente Calderon. Ian Marshall slotted Martin O'Neill's side into a 12th-minute lead when the unmarked Steve Walsh nodded on Garry Parker's pass. Substitute Steve Claridge, the current Salisbury boss, went close to doubling Leicester's advantage before a Juninho-inspired Atletico took control in the closing stages. The former Middlesbrough midfielder levelled with a deflected 71st-minute strike. And Christian Vieri put Atletico ahead from the penalty spot two minutes later after Steve Guppy



Steve Claridge.

tripped full-back Delfi Geli.

Leicester: Keller, Prior, Elliott, Walsh, Guppy, Kamark, Lennon, Izzet, Parker (Fenton 71), Marshall (Claridge 30, Campbell, 90), Heskey.

### Leicester 0 Atletico Madrid 2 - September 30, 1997

Leicester's hopes of turning the tie around suffered a huge blow when Parker was sent off in bizarre fashion. Parker, who had been booked in the first half, saw red after 59 minutes when he received a second caution for taking a free-kick too quickly. Atletico had already been reduced to 10 men as defender Juan Manuel Lopez had been sent off nine minutes earlier. Foxes boss O'Neill was left furious as three penalty claims were waved away, and first-leg tormentor Juninho and Francisco Kiko struck in the final quarter to ease Atletico through.

Leicester: Keller, Watts (Savage 65), Elliott, Prior (Cottee 78), Kaamark, Lennon, Izzet, Parker, Guppy, Marshall (Fenton 89), Heskey.

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The player hadn't appeared in a competitive game since being sent off for pushing referee Paul Alcock against Arsenal the previous September - a red card which saw him receive an 11-game suspension. Di Canio had struck 15 times in 41 Owls appearances after signing from Glasgow Celtic in 1997.

### Gianluca Vialli

Arriving on a free transfer from Juventus in the summer of 1996, Vialli was to score 21 times in 59 Chelsea appearances. He was appointed player manager in January 1999 after Ruud Gullit's sacking, and won the League Cup and Cup Winners Cup in his first few months in charge. Retired from playing at end of the 1998/99 season and was sacked by Chelsea five games into the 2000/01 campaign.

### Fabrizio Ravenelli

Scored a hat-trick on his Premier League debut against Liverpool after joining Middlesbrough for £7m from European champions Juventus. Went on to net 17 goals in a season which also saw Bryan Robson's



Boro reach the FA Cup final and the League Cup final, losing both. Boro were also relegated, and Ravenelli left after only one season to join Marseille.

And here's one who blew hot and cold ...

### Mario Balotelli

Forever plagued by controversies after signing for Manchester City for £16m from Inter in the summer of 2010. Was sent off four times in 2011/12, a season which ended with him winning a Premier League title winners medal. Despite scoring 20 goals in 54 appearances, City's frustrations with him eventually ran out and he was sent back to Italy to join AC Milan in January 2013. Returned to the Premier League in 2014/15 with Liverpool - after scoring 26 goals in only 43 games for AC - but only managed one goal in 16 appearances. He returned to AC on loan for the 2015/16 season before joining Nice last summer.

## ECB chief: Why we need to shake up T20

Tom Harrison, chief executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board, believes shaking up the domestic Twenty20 structure will ensure English cricket can control its revenue streams.

While interest in the NatWest T20 Blast rose last year, the current format is still viewed by many - including Hampshire chairman Rod Bransgrove - as a poor relation to the highly lucrative Indian Premier League or the Big Bash League in Australia.

Harrison has arguably been pushing hardest to change that

dynamic and a new eight-team tournament is in the pipeline for its inaugural staging in 2020.

The competition has already caused some controversy as streamlining the number of participants could leave some counties out in the cold, but Harrison hopes it can go a long way towards self-sustaining cricket in the country.

Harrison outlined that the ECB is heavily reliant on international cricket - a market it cannot control and where Indian television audiences can generate large

streams of income - and seeks to address the balance.

"International cricket is coming under pressure with successful ICC events on the one side and domestic T20 leagues on the other," Harrison said.

"We are the outliers in this debate in that we rely on Test cricket and international cricket for over 90 per cent of our revenue. We don't control international cricket. We need to derive our revenue from something we control, and that something is domestic T20.

"The game has been complacent about revenues from the Indian market. That's dangerous and we're about to find out how dangerous that is because it's changing. English cricket can do an awful lot about plotting its own destiny but can do very little about how the Indian television viewers respond to its product.

"We need to recognise that our business needs to be self-reliant."

Harrison also revealed he would be in favour of trialling four-day Tests in a bid to improve the format's popularity.

# Foxes' amazing journey goes on

Leicester's fairytale story took on a European dimension this week as they knocked out Sevilla to reach the Champions League quarter-finals.

Here, the Sports Pink takes a look at five other clubs to have shaken up the Champions League.

### APOEL: QF, 2011-12

APOEL had to come through two qualifying rounds just to reach the group stages but they ended up in the quarter-finals facing Cristiano Ronaldo and Jose Mourinho's Real Madrid. The Cypriot side made the knock-out stage for the only time in their history following victories over Porto and Zenit St Petersburg before dumping out Lyon in the last 16. Madrid, however, finally proved a step too far as APOEL's fairytale run ended in an 8-2 aggregate defeat.

### Porto: Champions, 2003-04

Porto were not so much minnows, having won the European Cup in 1987, as sleeping giants, given they had only once gone past the quarter-finals of the continent's premier tournament in the 17 years since. Enter a young Mourinho, who raced down the touchline as his team knocked out Manchester United in the last 16, before beating Lyon, Deportivo and Monaco to win the title. They were the first club outside the four major leagues to do so since 1993.

### Deportivo: SF, 2003-04

Deportivo were powerless to prevent Porto's progress but their run to the semi-finals was almost as surprising. The Spanish outfit



Leicester City's Marc Albrighton celebrates after his side's stunning win against Sevilla.

competition's semi-finals.

### Bayer Leverkusen: Final, 2001-02

Only once before in their history had Leverkusen appeared in the knock-out stages of the Champions League or European Cup but in 2002, it took a fabulous Zinedine Zidane volley to stop them becoming champions. Leverkusen finished top of their group, ahead of Arsenal and Juventus, before seeing off two more English teams - Liverpool and Manchester United - en route to the final. There Real Madrid, and Zidane, showed their class in a 2-1 victory that finally brought Leverkusen's brilliant tournament to an end.

### Dynamo Kiev: SF, 1998-99

Kiev had not reached the last four of Europe's premier club tournament since 1987 but - inspired by the demon attacking duo of Andriy Shevchenko and Sergei Rebrov - the Ukrainian side ousted Arsenal to win Group E before inflicting a shock defeat over Real Madrid in the quarter-finals. Shevchenko scored twice in a 3-1 aggregate victory over Los Blancos but they lost to Bayern Munich in the semis and in the summer, Shevchenko left for AC Milan.

upset Juventus in the last 16 but their zenith came in the quarter-finals against reigning champions AC Milan. They were thrashed 4-1 in the first leg, with Kaka scoring

twice at the San Siro, but pulled off a stunning turnaround in the second, winning 4-0 to go through 5-4 on aggregate. It remains Deportivo's only appearance in the

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# Dream is over

England's winning run was finally brought to a close as their quest for consecutive Grand Slams ended in a 13-9 defeat by Ireland at the Aviva Stadium.

The reigning RBS 6 Nations champions fell to a try by Iain Henderson and eight points from Johnny Sexton, denying them the 19th successive Test victory that would have eclipsed the record set by New Zealand last year.

A frenetic but one-sided first half gave way to a more tense rain-swept second period and while the scoreline painted the picture of a close encounter, Ireland were clear masters on a day when history beckoned for Eddie Jones' men.

England had been urged to embrace the occasion by Jones, who stated "greatness" would accompany the prize of back-to-back Grand Slams, but it was a rattled team that trailed 10-3 at half-time.

Possession read 75 per cent in Ireland's favour and visits to the home 22 were rare and brief, and they were fortunate to trail only to Henderson's converted try.

It was a different England to the team that flattened Scotland 61-21 seven days earlier to claim a second successive Six Nations title with a round to spare, panic sweeping through their ranks as they succumbed to the pressure of the occasion.

Once the exhilarating chaos of the first half had subsided, the champions settled and at times they hinted at a revival that would propel them past the All Blacks' milestone, but they never truly ignited as Jones endured his first loss since taking charge at Twickenham.

Ireland saved their best performance of the tournament for its climax, overcoming the late withdrawal of Jamie Heaslip through injury and absence of half-back general Conor Murray to ambush the Grand Slam march at its final hurdle.

It was a repeat of 2011 when England were denied at the same stage and the Dublin crowd was every bit as boisterous this time, especially during a final 10 minutes controlled by the green shirts.

Kick off was delayed by five minutes due to the 100-minute marathon staged between France and Wales in Paris, possibly causing the series of errors afflicting both teams once the Aviva Stadium showdown began.

It made for an pulsating start as dropped passes, charged down kicks



Ireland's Donnacha Ryan tackles England's Mike Brown in Dublin.

and turnovers turned the opening exchanges into a lottery from which Ireland emerged in credit when Sexton booted a penalty.

Mike Brown prevented Keith Earls from scoring in the right corner following a spell of Irish pressure, but the next attack was England's and while they could make little meaningful headway Farrell was able to slot three points.

Maro Itoje escaped with a warning from referee Jerome Garces after clattering high and late into Sexton, who then sent two kickable penalties into touch rather than going for goal, and that endeavour was rewarded when Henderson was at the end of a line-out drive.

The ferocious pace continued as Elliot Daly almost escaped the Irish

cover after gathering Farrell's clever chip, but England were back on the defensive almost immediately.

The champions were reeling with George Ford the next to be touched by panic, the fly-half sending a kick straight into touch to invite another assault from the home team, who were playing for the prize of Six Nations runners-up.

Ireland were dominating in every department, but their 10-3 lead was a sub-par return given the amount of possession they had generated.

The malaise continued into the second-half and even Billy Vunipola was afflicted when the big number eight - who was joined on the field by brother Mako after the interval - dropped the ball as he broke from the back of a scrum.

Half an hour remained when Farrell landed a long-range penalty and now there were tentative signs of an English revival, their pack finally starting to make an impression on the opposition.

But there was no real momentum behind the fightback and a mighty roar greeted Sexton's successful penalty on the wrong side of the 10 metre line.

England's bench had been all but emptied and the tension mounted as Farrell landed a third penalty, but Ireland closed out the remaining minutes with calm efficiency to deny Jones' men the ultimate prize in European rugby.

## Another loss for City

Winchester suffered their fourth defeat in a row when they lost 1-0 to Yate.

The all-important goal came midway through the second-half when Mayson Evans broke clear on the right and Luke BRYAN netted at the far post.

The first-half was uneventful with Noice in the Winchester goal having to save from Connor Jones and a Mike Baker free-kick.

At the other end Graig Feeney forced a save from Harvey Rivers who

had to dive full stretch to keep his effort out.

In the second-half Winchester applied a lot of pressure. On many occasions they were able to put crosses into the Yate box.

But Rivers in the home goal was in good form and he made several saves particularly from Jamie Ford and Howard Neighbour.

For the last 12 minutes of the game Yate were reduced to ten men, having used all three subs and seen Luke Bryan limp off injured.



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England's Mike Brown is tackled by Johnny Sexton (top) and Peter O'Mahony.

PINK

# BP stun Symonds with Barca-style fightback

Mike  
Vimpany



A FOUR-GOAL Barcelona-style fightback by Barton Peveril wrecked Peter Symonds' prospects of retaining the Hampshire Colleges title with an undefeated record.

Leading 4-2 shortly after half-time, PSC were all set to take another positive step towards retaining the championship.

But, after tinkering with their formation and substituting some of their main players, Symonds were caught out by a succession of late set-piece goals and Barton Peveril ran out 6-4 winners.

Peter Symonds' first defeat of the season – they had won ten of their previous 11 games and drawn with Itchen – shouldn't affect their prospects of celebrating a second consecutive title.

With four matches left, they are four points adrift of Barton Peveril (35 points), with three games in hand, the next two of which are at Sparsholt on Monday and Farnborough on Wednesday. Their other game is at Brockenhurst.

Barton Peveril's last game is against Richard Taunton's at Chestnut Avenue.

The Symonds-Barton Peveril derbies are seldom dull and this instalment overflowed with goals, principally down to woeful defending on both sides.

PSC ought to have been ought of sight by half-time – Barton



**HIGH FLIER:** Peter Symonds' Jay Bugg, right, battles for the ball with Barton Peveril's Harry Prisk



**FALL GUY:** Peter Symonds' Pete Thatcher is tackled. Pictures: Chris Moorhouse

## HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Barton Peveril	15	11	2	2	68	27	35
Peter Symonds	12	10	1	1	65	26	31
Itchen College	14	9	2	3	51	26	30
Farnborough	14	8	4	2	51	29	26
Richard Taunton	14	8	5	1	38	37	25
Queen Mary's	14	3	10	1	21	59	10
Andover	12	2	9	1	24	60	7
Sparsholt	10	1	9	0	10	42	3
Brockenhurst	11	0	10	1	14	36	1

having gifted them two goals early on.

Under pressure from Max Kirwan, Matt Jones (who experienced 'one of those afternoons' in the BP goal) spilled an audacious far post Jay Bugg lob into his own net.

The PSC dubious goals panel will decide whether Bugg or Kirwan should be credited!

Soon after, Kirwan benefited from a total mix-up at the back to make it 2-0.

BP were quick to respond through Josh Clark but, having hit the upright moments earlier, Bugg soon made it 3-1.

By half-time, however, Symonds' vulnerability from set pieces was exposed with Clark cutting Symonds' lead from a corner – a trend that was to continue later.

Bugg, whose shots have a habit of finding the upright, and Kirwan came close to restoring PSC's two-goal lead.

It appeared all over bar the shouting at 4-2 when Kirwan threw his marker and lobbed a stranded Jones.

Not so. As PSC strangely withdrew Harry Bayles and Kirwan from the action, BP launched a frenzied comeback.

Jamie Barnes headed home from a Clark corner and then, after Bugg had located the post yet again, Ed Ditchburn headed his first equalising HCL goal, again from a set piece.

Peter Symonds were all at sea at the back and further goals followed.

George Ockwell made it 5-4 to Barton before Barnes headed a



**HEADS UP!** From left: George Ockwell, Ed Ditchburn, Jamie Barnes, and Josh Clark used their heads to give Barton Peveril a 6-4 win

sixth – Clark teeing up a hat-trick of assists.

Peter Symonds had squandered a golden chance of virtually wrapping up a second consecutive title.

Their vulnerability at the back from set pieces won't have gone unnoticed at Itchen, who play PSC in the Peter Munro Cup final at Sparsholt on April 5.

Farnborough, who play York in

the ESFA Colleges Trophy final at Doncaster Rovers' Keepmoat Stadium in late April, warmed up with a 3-1 win over Sparsholt, all the goals coming in the first half.

Harvey Griffiths gave Boro' a lead Sparsholt cancelled out with a superb volley.

But Dan McLennan struck twice in quick succession for Boro' with headers from long throw-ins.



**HOUNSDOWN'S** fine run in the English Schools' Under-16 Cup ended with a 2-1 quarter-final defeat by Windsor.

The Totton youngsters, pictured, won their previous

six games in the national competition, beating QES Wimborne 2-1, Glenmoor & Winton 4-0, Poole High 4-1, Beechen Cliff 1-0, Weydon 3-0 and Cornish side Penryn 4-0.

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An incident in a Totton v Paulton match



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August															
Sat 13 Watford (h)	D 1-1	Forster	Cedric+	Targett	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	Davis	= W-Prowse	*Long	Tadic	Redmond 1	+Pied	=Hojbjerg	*Austin
Fri 19 Man Utd (a)	L 1-2	Forster	Cedric	Targett	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu*	Hojbjerg	Davis=	Austin	Long+	Redmond	+Rodriguez	=Austin	*Clasie
Sat 27 Sunderland (h)	D1-1	Forster	Cedric	Targett	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Hojbjerg*	Davis	Austin=	Tadic+	Redmond	+Long	=Rodriguez	*W-Prowse
September															
Sat 10 Arsenal (a)	L 1-2	Forster	Cedric	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie*	Tadic1=	Rodriguez+	Redmond	+Long	=W-Prowse	*Hojbjerg
Thurs 15 Sp Prague (Eur Lge) (h)	W 3-0	Forster	Martina	Targett	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu=	W-Prowse	Hojbjerg	Tadic*	Austin 2+	Long	+Rodriguez1	= Davis	*Redmond
Sun 18 Swansea (h)	W 1-0	Forster	Cedric	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie*	Tadic=	Long+	Redmond	+Hojbjerg	=Martina	*Austin1
Wed 21 C Palace (Lge Cup, H)	W 2-0	McCarthy	Martina	Targett	Yoshida	Fonte	W-Prowse	Reed	Clasie	Hesketh1*	Austin1+	Long=	+Redmond	=Tadic	*Hojbjerg
Sun 25 West Ham (a)	W 3-0	Forster	Soares+	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Hojbjerg	Tadic1*	Austin1=	Redmond	+Martina	=Long	*W-Prowse 1
Thurs 29 Hapoel (Europa Lge) (a)	D 0-0	Forster	Martina	Targett	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	W-Prowse	Clasie	Hesketh+	Long	Redmond=	+Tadic	= Hojbjerg	
October															
Sun 2 Leicester (a)	D 0-0	Forster	Soares+	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Hojbjerg	Tadic*	Austin=	Redmond	+ Martina	=W-Prowse	*Long
Sun 16 Burnley (h)	W 3-1	Forster	Martina	Targett+	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie	Tadic	Austin2=	Redmond1*	+McQueen	=Rodriguez	*W-Pr
Thurs 20 Inter (Europa Lge, a)	L 0-1	Forster	Martina	McQueen	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	W-Pr	Hojbjerg	Tadic*	Long+	Rodriguez=	+Austin	=Davis	*Boufal
Sun 23 Man City (a)	D 1-1	Forster	Martina	McQueen	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie+	Tadic*	Austin=	Redmond1	+Hojbjerg	=W-Prowse	* Boufal
Wed 26 Sunderland (Lge Cup, h)	W 1-0	McCarthy	Stephens	McQueen	Yoshida	Fonte	Reed +	W-Prowse	Boufal1	Isgrove=	Hojbjerg	Rodriguez*	+Clasie	=Redmond	
Sun 30 Chelsea (h)	L 0-2	Forster	Martina	Bertrand+	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie*	Tadic=	Austin	Redmond	+McQueen	=Hojbjerg	*Boufal
November															
Thurs 3 Inter (Europa Lge) (h)	W 2-1	Forster	Martina	McQueen	Van Dijk1	Yoshida	Romeu	W-Prowse	Hojbjerg	Tadic+	Rodriguez=	Redmond	+Davis	=Austin	
Sat 6 Hull (a)	L 1-2	Forster	Yoshida	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Clasie=	Tadic+	Austin1	Redmond*	+Boufal	=Rodriguez	*JWP
Sat 19 Liverpool (h)	D 0-0	Forster	Cedric	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	Davis	Hojbjerg+	Boufal=	Austin*	Redmond	+ Reed	=Long	*Rodriguez
Thur 24 Sp Prague (Eur Lge, a)	L 0-1	Forster	Martina	McQueen	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Clasie+	W-Prowse	Hojbjerg=	Long	Rodriguez*	Redmond	+Austin	=Boufal	*Romeu
Sun 27 Everton (h)	W 1-0	Forster	Cedric	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	W-Prowse	Hojbjerg	Sims+	Austin1=	Redmond*	+McQueen	=Long	*Clasie
Wed 30 Arsenal (League Cup, a)	W 2-0	Forster	Martina	Bertrand1	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Clasie1	Davis	Reed+	Boufal=	Long	McQueen	+Hojbjerg	=Sims	
December															
Sat 3 Crystal Palace (a)	L 0-3	Forster	Cedric	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	W-Prowse	Hojbjerg+	Boufal =	Austin*	Redmond	+Sims	=Long	*McQueen
Thurs 8 Hapoel (Europa Lge, h)	D1-1	Forster	Cedric	Bernard	Van Dijk1	Yoshida	Romeu	Davis	Hojbjerg+	Sims*	Austin=	Redmond	+ W-Prowse	=Long	*Tadic
Sun 11 Middlesbrough (h)	W 1-0	Forster	Martina	McQueen	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	W-Prowse	Clasie+	Boufal1=	Rodriguez	Tadic*	+Long	=Davis	*Redmond
Wed 14 Stoke (a)	D 0-0	Forster	Martina*	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Fonte	Romeu	W-Prowse	Davis	Boufal	Long+	Redmond=	+Rodriguez	=Tadic	*McQueen
Sun 18 Bournemouth (a)	W 3-1	Forster	Soares	Bertrand1	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Reed+	Hojbjerg	Clasie	Boufal*	Rodriguez2=	Redmond	+Davis	= Long	* Tadic
Wed 28 Tottenham (h)	L 1-4	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Van Dijk1	Fonte	Romeu	W-Prowse	Davis+	Boufal=	Rodriguez*	Redmond	+Long	= Hojbjerg	*Tadic
Sat 31 West Brom (h)	L 1-2	Forster	Martina+	McQueen	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	Hojbjerg=	Davis	Boufal	Long1	Tadic*	+W-Prowse	=Rodriguez	*Sims
January															
Mon 2 Everton (a)	L 0-3	Forster	Soares+	McQueen	Yoshida	Fonte	Romeu	J W-Prowse	Clasie=	Tadic*	Rodriguez	Redmond	+Stephens	=Long	*Boufal
Sat 7 Norwich (FAC, a)	D 2-2	Lewis	Stephens	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Reed+	J W-Prowse	Hojbjerg	Tadic	Long=	Sims*	+Romeu	=Rodriguez	*Redmond
Wed 11 Liverpool (LC, h)	W 1-0	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	Clasie=	Davis+	Tadic	Rodriguez*	Redmond1	+W-Prowse	=Hojbjerg	*Long
Sat 14 Burnley (a)	L 0-1	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Yoshida	Romeu	J W-Prowse	Hojbjerg	Tadic+	Long	Redmond=	+Rodriguez	=Sims	
Wed 18 Norwich (FAC, h)	W 1-0	Lewis	Martina	McQueen	Stephens	Yoshida	Reed+	J W-Prowse	Clasie	Sims	Long1	Rodriguez=	+Romeu	=Redmond	
Sat 21 Leicester (h)	W 3-0	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Van Dijk	Yoshida+	Romeu	J W-Prowse1	Hojbjerg=	Tadic1	Rodriguez1*	Redmond	+Stephens	=Clasie	*Long
Wed 25 Liverpool (LC, a)	W 1-0	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu	J W-Prowse=	Davis	Tadic	Rodriguez+	Redmond*	+Long	=Hojbjerg	*Sims
Sat 28 Arsenal (FAC) (h)	L 0-5	Lewis	Martina	McQueen	Stephens	Gardos	Reed	Clasie	Hojbjerg	Sims	Long =	Isgrove+	+Tadic	=Redmond	
Tues 31 Swansea (a)	L 1-2	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu	Clasie	Davis	Tadic+	Long1	Redmond=	+Boufal	=McQueen	
February															
Sat 4 West Ham (h)	L 1-3	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu	J W-Prowswe	Davis	Gabbiadini1	Boufal+	Rodriguez=	+Long	=Redmond	
Sat 11 Sunderland (a)	W 4-0	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu	J W-Prowse	Davis	Gabbiandini2=	Tadic+	Redmond	+Hojbjerg	=Long1	
Sun 26 Man Utd (LC final)	L 2-3	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu	J W-Prowse	Davis+	Gabbiadini2=	Tadic*	Redmond	+Rodriguez	=Long	* Boufal
March															
Sat 4 Watford (a)	W 4-3	Forster	Soares	Bertrand	Stephens	Yoshida	Romeu	J W-Prowse*	Davis	Gabbiadini1+	Tadic=	Redmond	+Long	=Clasie	* Boufal
Sun 19 Tottenham	(a)														
April															
Sat 1 Bournemouth	(h)														
Wed 5 Crystal Palace	(h)														
Sat 8 West Brom	(a)														
Sat 15 Man City	(h)														
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16 Dover (H)	L 2-4	16 Dartford (A)	D 0-0	16 Weston-Super-Mare (A)	D 0-0	16 Larkhall Athletic (H)	L 1-6	16 Bishops Cleeve (H)	W 4-1	16 Didcot Town (A)	L 0-4
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27 Solihull Moors (H)	W 2-0	27 Bishop's Stortford (H)	L 0-1	27 Hemel Hempstead Town (A)	W 4-2	29 Salisbury (H)	L 0-4	29 AFC Totton (A)	W 4-0	29 Wimborne Town (A)	D 2-2
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3 North Ferriby (H)	W 2-0	3 Ebbsfleet United (H)	W 1-0	3 Wealdstone (A)	D 2-2	10 Evesham United (A)	D 0-0	10 Bideford (H)	D 4-4	10 Hereford (H)	L 0-2
10 Southport (H)	D 1-1	6 Hampton & RB (H)	D 1-1	6 St Albans City (A)	L 0-4	24 Shortwood United (A)	L 1-2	24 Yate Town (A)	L 1-3	24 Bridgwater Town (H)	W 4-1
17 Forest Green (A)	D 1-1	10 Hungerford Town (A)	D 3-3	10 Eastbourne Borough (H)	D 1-1	27 Wimborne Town (H)	L 1-6	27 Didcot Town (H)	W 3-2	27 Wantage Town (A)	W 1-0
13 Macclesfield (A)	W 1-0	13 Bath City (A)	L 0-4	13 Truro City (A)	D 0-0						
24 Sutton (H)	W 2-1	24 Margate (H)	W 1-0	24 Welling United (H)	W 2-1						
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4 Maidstone (H)	W 3-0	15 Chelmsford City (H)	L 0-6	15 Oxford City (H)	L 1-3	15 Tiverton Town (A)	L 2-3	18 North Leigh (A)	L 2-3	18 Shortwood (A)	L 1-2
8 Dagenham & Red (H)	L 0-1	22 Wealdstone (H)	L 1-3	22 Hungerford Town (A)	W 1-0	22 Slimbridge (H)	W 3-1	22 Barnstaple Town (H)	W 5-0	22 Taunton Town (A)	L 1-3
22 Lincoln (A)	D 0-0	29 Hemel Hempstead Tn (A)	W 2-1	29 East Thurrock United (H)	D 1-1	25 Didcot Town (A)	L 2-3			26 Bishops Cleeve (H)	L 1-2
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		5 Welling United (H)	D 1-1	5 Chelmsford City (H)	W 4-0	5 Bridgwater Town (H)	W 2-1	19 Taunton Town (H)	W 5-2		
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		3 Whitehawk (A)	D 4-4	3 Dartford (A)	L 1-2	29 Swindon Supermarine (H)	L 1-2	3 Hereford (A)	L 1-3	10 Paulton Rovers (H)	W 3-1
		17 Ebbsfleet United (A)	L 0-2	17 Wealdstone (H)	D 1-1			6 Bishops Cleeve (A)	W 5-0	14 Yate (H)	W 1-0
		26 Poole Town (H)	L 0-2	26 Gosport Borough (A)	W 2-0			10 Shortwood Utd (H)	W 1-0	17 Bideford (A)	W 2-1
		January		January				17 Bridgwater Town (A)	W 3-1	21 Slimbridge (H)	W 7-0
		2 Poole Town (A)	L 0-7	2 Gosport Borough (H)	W 7-0			20 Paulton (A)	W 3-0	26 Wimborne Town (H)	L 0-1
		7 Hungerford Town (A)	L 1-4	7 Eastbourne Borough (A)	D 0-0			26 AFC Totton (H)	W 2-0		
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		25 Hemel Hempstead Town (H)	L 0-6	18 Bishop's Stortford (A)	W 4-1						
		March		March							
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		25 Chelmsford City (A)	(A)								
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		14 Bishop's Stortford (A)	(A)	15 Hemel Hempstead Town (H)	(H)						
		17 Oxford City (H)	(H)	17 Bath City (A)	(A)						
		22 Concord Rangers (A)	(A)	22 Whitehawk (A)	(A)						
		29 Whitehawk (H)	(H)	29 Dartford (H)	(H)						
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		8 Lincoln (H)	(H)	8 Barnstaple Town (A)	(A)						
		14 North Ferriby (A)	(A)	15 Bishops Cleeve (H)	(H)						
		17 Bromley (H)	(H)	17 Winchester City (A)	(A)						
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# Ferrari the ones to watch in 2017?

The new Formula One campaign gets under way next weekend when Melbourne's Albert Park plays host to the season-opening Australian Grand Prix.

The sport has undergone a radical overhaul of its technical regulations over the winter in a bid to spice up the show, while reigning champion Nico Rosberg will not be on the grid to defend his title after he retired.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at the key questions ahead of what promises to be a scintillating year.

## So, what did we learn from pre-season tests?

Mercedes are still very good. Ferrari may be even better. And McLaren are in crisis. Let's start with the world champions. Lewis Hamilton is joined by Valtteri Bottas this season, and despite a new-look driver line-up, the team which has dominated Formula One for the past three years, looked impressive in testing. They completed more mileage than any of their competitors - indeed they were the only team to break the 1,000-lap barrier - while they looked racy, too. But, and it could prove to be a big but, both Kimi Raikkonen and Sebastian Vettel posted quicker lap times for Ferrari than either of the Mercedes pair and they also impressed with race-style simulations. Meanwhile, McLaren's miserable time with engine supplier Honda looks set to extend into a third year. The Honda engine is slow and desperately unreliable and there is every chance Fernando Alonso and new team-mate Stoffel Vandoorne will prop up the grid in Melbourne later this month.

## Can Ferrari take the challenge to Mercedes?

There is a growing sense of belief emanating from the Italian team that this may be their year. Hamilton has already said that Ferrari will start the season as favourites - a prediction swiftly rejected by Vettel - but there can be no denying that they enjoyed a strong pre-season. The famous constructor spent much of 2016 in the doldrums and failed to register a single victory, but all of the signs from the two winter tests in Barcelona would suggest that they will head into the new campaign at least on a level footing with Mercedes, and if not marginally ahead.

## Are the cars different this year?



Lewis Hamilton's Mercedes team have looked impressive in pre season testing.

This year's cars are wider, lower and faster in a bid to make them look more aggressive and provide a greater physical and mental challenge for the drivers. Hamilton and Alonso, who have been critical of the sport in recent times, have given the new cars the thumbs up. The new technical regulations were introduced to spice up the show but it is feared that the increased downforce could lead to fewer overtakes during a race.

## Any other rule changes?

Wet races will get under way from a standing start on the grid - even if a safety car is initially required - while a loophole which allowed teams to take advantage of the sport's complicated engine rules has been closed. The calendar has also been reduced by one race to 20 following the financial

collapse of the Nurburgring in Germany.

## How will F1 change in the post-Bernie Ecclestone era?

American giants Liberty Media are now in charge of the sport after it completed a £6.4billion purchase in January. Ecclestone, who governed Formula One for the last 40 years, was moved aside with American Chase Carey installed as F1's chairman and CEO. Former Ferrari chief Ross Brawn will look after the sporting side, with Sean Bratches, a former ESPN executive, taking care of the commercial arm of the sport. The Concorde Agreement which runs until 2020 means the new owners are unlikely to make sweeping changes in the immediate future, but they have already targeted an increased social me-

dia presence - an area in which Ecclestone was reluctant to improve - with teams and drivers now permitted to shoot short-form videos in the paddock and garages.

## Was Ecclestone the only big name to leave in the winter?

No. McLaren will be without their long-standing chairman Ron Dennis after he was placed on gardening leave. Dennis has been replaced by American Zak Brown. While Jenson Button will not be on the grid for the first time in 17 years after he retired. Meanwhile, James Allison, the highly-rated design guru, has joined Mercedes after Paddy Lowe was also placed on gardening leave. Lowe is set to join Williams. The sport will be without a defending champion for the first time since 1994 after Rosberg's shock retirement.

## Burridge edge thriller

Burridge AFC created a three-point gap over the bottom two in Junior 5 of the City of Southampton Sunday League by winning a seven-goal thriller at AFC Mayflower.

David Middleton and Lewis Wise put Burridge 2-1 up at half-time and Scott Williams and Kieran Boyd secured the win in the second half.

Richard Geddes, Shane Peat and Terry Peat scored for second-from-bottom Mayflower.

## Junior Six Leaders

Testlands Reserves were the weekend's top scorers, with a 14-0 thrashing of bottom-of-the-table Abbotswold.

Man-of-the-match Sean Haines scored a double hat-trick and provided the assists for some of his teammates as Luca Cordeddu bagged a treble and Ben Baddams and Ewan McCaffrey netted a brace apiece after Asa Agrella opened the scoring.

Southern Sports' Dallam Ford was Nemesis's nemesis. He scored a hat-trick as his side won the mid-table contest, with Joe Watts and Amish Morjaria netting in the second half. Nemesis's Shane Mair ensured his side was still in the game at half-time.

Riverside Rangers came away with a point from their basement battle against AFC Itchen Reserves.

Mike McKenzie's second-half goal cancelled out a first-half penalty from Itchen's Jonny Pipes.

## Head back at Yorkshire

CRICKET: Yorkshire have announced the signing of batsman Travis Head as an overseas player for the upcoming NatWest T20 Blast campaign.

The Australian - who played on the Isle of Wight for Ventnor in 2014 - impressed during a brief spell at Headingley last season, and has become a regular in the national limited-overs sides over the past year.

He will join countryman Peter Handscomb at Yorkshire, with Andrew Gale's side looking to build on a semi-final appearance in the competition last season.

Head made a big impact in the Royal London One Day Cup last season, but played just four Twenty20 games, scoring 113 runs, before being summoned for international duty.

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## Five-star Bishops reel off ninth straight win

City of Southampton Sunday League Junior One leaders Bishops extended their advantage to seven points with a 5-2 win against mid-table King George.

Paul Tanner, John Frosdick and Jordan Ayles gave Bishops a 3-0 half-time lead. Mason Pentreath and Connor Collins restored some respectability for King George.

But Darren Atwill and an own goal ensured a comfortable ninth successive win for Bishops.

AFC Portswood stayed second in Junior Two after a 6-0 demolition of struggling Test Valley Spartans.

Simon Pearse netted FOUR goals and

Rob North and James Christopher also scored in Portswood's third successive win.

Third-placed Fryern won 3-1 at bottom-of-the-table AFC Dorchester, for whom Joe Clist scored, with all the goals coming in the second half.

### Turnaround

Lyndhurst JFC came from behind to beat fellow mid-tablers Curbridge 2-1. They trailed at half-time but goals from Andy Huggett and Tom Hart ensured the turnaround.

Junior Three leaders Bridge Manor

won their top-v-bottom clash against Forest Home.

Matthew Camfield gave Manor a half-time lead and Ben Baker-Colbourne and Shah Bani-Sadr ensured a 3-0 win.

Second-half goals from Sam Williams and Daniel Runnells gave Portsida a 2-0 win against Royale Marine.

A Clayd Roach hat-trick gave third-placed Portswood United a 7-3 win against Mottisfont.

Shane Weaver, Kevin Hayter, Jerome O'Brien and Brandon Shephard also scored for Portswood. Matt Bosanquet netted in each half for 'Font, for whom Callum Caldwell also struck

## Amazing comeback

City of Southampton Sunday League Junior Four featured three impressive comebacks.

But none better than that from RS Nomansland Reserves, who produced a Barcelona-like turnaround against Hedge End City.

Second-from-bottom Nomansland trailed 4-0 at half-time, but after an astonishing second half drew 5-5.

Dan Sanders scored twice and John Longman, Josh Tunstall and Dean Dawkins were also on the scoresheet.

Bottom-of-the-table Whiteheart United also nicked a point after trailing at half-time.

They were 2-1 down at home to Sholing Monks but drew 3-3 thanks to a Ryan Nobes brace and a Liam Harfield goal. Dave Swan scored twice for the Monks, for whom Ben Mather also scored.

Chamberlayne Athletic Reserves extended their unbeaten run to ten games despite trailing 2-0 at half-time.

Two-goal Kieran Britland helped give Bedford the advantage.

But a brace apiece for Sean Tollervey and Lee Osborne secured a 4-4 draw for second-placed Chamberlayne, despite further Bedford goals from Ollie Winter and Andrew Wort.

Third-placed Mayfield are still level on points with Chamberlayne (having played three games more) after beating Southampton United 3-1.

Aiden Reidy and two-goal Sam Martin gave them a 2-0 half-time lead. Nathan Arnold scored for United in the second half, but Martin added his second.

Junior Five's top two both enjoyed convincing wins.

Leaders Testwood Tornadoes thumped bottom-of-the-table Cricks AFC 5-0, with Dillian Hopkins' four-goal salvo and a Craig Mason goal doing the damage.

Second-placed OTs & Romsey maintained the pressure with a 7-1 victory over Banister Park. Dan Collins, Matt Bampton and Matt Evenhand put the cricketers 3-0 up at half-time. Jack Salter's second-half hat-trick and a Mitch Down goal completed the rout. Will Cox replied.

**More Sunday football on facing page.**

# County semi final agony for Romsey

By Simon  
Walter



Athletico Romsey Sunday suffered second-half heartbreak in the final of the Hampshire FA Junior C Cup, losing 1-0 to Ford.

Barway booked their place in the final of the Hampshire FA Junior B Cup, beating Overton 2-1 in the semis thanks to first-half goals from Nick Barrow and Wayne Atkins.

Winsor United will play Fawley RBL in the DR Ryder Trophy final.

Winsor won a thriller against Eastpoint on penalties after a 4-4 draw - having trailed 2-1 at half-time.

It was 3-3 after 90 minutes, with goals from Brett Withey, Liam Dwyer and Marcus Buchan ensuring extra time was needed.

Gift Ngubane and David Kyle gave Eastpoint their half-time lead and Dan Brown scored in the second half.

Andy Catterson and Spencer Hayson scored the respective goals for Eastpoint and Winsor in extra time.

But Winsor won 4-1 on penalties, with Dwyer, Buchan, Ryan Hartley and George Jones all on target.

Portswood United Reserves came from behind to beat AFC Forestside after extra time.

Eliomar Delgado (no relation to Agustin) gave Forestside a 1-0 half-time lead, but Aaron Blaxall's equaliser made it 1-1 after 90 minutes.

Lewis Powell and James Barnsdall scored for Portswood in extra time, with Sam Vidler's goal not enough to see Forestside through.

Testlands' Craig Johnston kept alive his side's hopes of promotion to the City of Southampton Sunday League's Premier Division with a hat-trick.

Johnston's treble secured a 3-2 senior division win against second-



Matthew Bozier in action for AFC Totton against Mangotsfield this weekend. Report on page 9.

placed Boyatt Wood. Testlands led 2-1 at half-time, with Boyatt Wood duo Lewis Coppen and Adam Shephard netting one apiece.

CDA left the bottom two further

adrift by beating second-from-bottom AFC Riverside (Sunday) 4-2.

Former Daily Echo photographer Matt Watson scored twice as CDA took a 2-0 half-time lead. Jamie

Rosher and Rob Elder ensured third-from-bottom CDA still had a two-goal advantage at the final whistle despite second-half goals for Tom Sage and David Morris.

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## Vince leads South to win

JAMES Vince captained the South to a ten-wicket win against the North in Dubai – with the help of two wickets apiece for Hampshire teammates Mason Crane and Liam Dawson.

Slow left-arm bowler Dawson (10-0-29-2), above, was the only bowler to finish his allocation after seamers Tom Curran (3-19) and Toby Roland-Jones (2-23) reduced the North, who won the toss, to 92-5.

Leg-spinner Crane (9.3-0-72-2) took the last wicket, having trapped opener Sam Hain (33), as the North were all out for 202 in 43.3 overs.

Bresnan made a run-a-ball 40 before he was bowled by Dawson, who also ran out Bresnan's Yorkshire teammate Jack Leaning.

The South won with 16.3 overs to spare thanks to an unbroken stand of 205 between Daniel Bell-Drummond (92\*) and Dawid Malan (109\*).

The three-match 50-over series continues tomorrow and concludes on Tuesday.

South coach Paul Farbrace said: "Dawson bowled a fantastic spell in the middle which was really important, and Mason we encouraged him to try and spin it, and take wickets."



Liam Dawson

"We said to him we're not bothered how many runs he goes for, we want him to take wickets – if you do that throughout the middle overs you give yourself less of a problem in the last 10."

"Teams like to score 100 in the last 10 but if you're seven down that's a tough position to launch from."

● Hampshire starlet Joe Weatherley has joined Kent on a season-long loan.

Weatherley, 20, signed a contract extension until the end of the 2019 season, days after his Hampshire teammate Reece Topley committed until the conclusion of the 2018 campaign.

But as part of the deal, Weatherley will join Kent for the forthcoming season.

He said: "An opportunity came up at Kent which will allow me to get some good cricket under my belt and there's potentially more playing opportunities there this season."

"Long-term my future is with Hampshire but given the strength of the side on paper this year, this works really well to help develop my game."

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# HAMPSHIRE CRICKET

# The Sheffield

By Simon  
Walter



FOLLOWING Mason Crane's historic debut for New South Wales, the Sports Pink has delved into the Sheffield Shield archives to find other Englishmen who have played in Australia's first-class competition

## NEW SOUTH WALES Mason Crane (2017)

The Hampshire leg-spinner has been playing Sydney first-grade cricket, as the likes of Tony Greig, Mike Gatting, Andrew Strauss, Nassar Hussein and Kevin Pietersen have done in the past.

But he became the first county player to represent NSW when he was selected to play South Australia.

Crane responded by taking 2-50 and 3-66 – the third-best haul of his career in first-class match – as South Australia were beaten by eight wickets.

As well as being the state's first Englishman since William Caffyn in the 1860s, he is the first overseas player to represent NSW since Imran Khan took 28 wickets at 19.14 and made 267 runs at 26.7 in six Sheffield Shield matches in 1984/85.

But Crane is not the first Hampshire player to represent New South Wales.

West Indies legend Andy Roberts played two Sheffield Shield matches in 1976, midway through his five-year spell at Northlands Road.

## VICTORIA Darren Pattinson

Made his England debut aged 29 in 2008 – after playing only 11 first-class matches.

Born in Grimsby, he moved to Melbourne as a six year-old but made 16 of his 21 first-class appearances for Victoria after his solitary England appearance, taking 59 wickets at 30.6 apiece.

## Alan Mullally (1990/91)

Born in Southend, but brought up in Perth, Mullally played a single game for Victoria when he returned to Australia in 1990-91.

● When Victoria were the opposition for NSW's first first-class match all their players were English-born.

But Jack Daniel (Leeds) and Paul Melville (South Shields, Durham) are the only other English-born players to have represented Victoria since WWII, in 1948-50 and 1977-78 respectively.

## QUEENSLAND

Charlie Hemphrey (2015 – present)

After failing to make the grade



Mason Crane is congratulated after a New South Wales wicket. Below – former Hampshire and England fast bowler Alan Mullally.

in county cricket (he was rejected by Kent, Derbyshire and Essex) Doncaster-born Hemphrey tried his luck in Australia and was the third-highest scorer in Queensland grade cricket in 2013/14.

He made his Queensland Bulls debut two years ago, earned a 12-month contract after three games and became the first English-born player to score a Sheffield Shield hundred since John Hampshire in 1978 when he made the first of his two first-class tons; 118 against South Australia in March 2015.

Ian Botham (1987/88)

Beefy scored 646 runs at 34 and took 29 wickets at 27.75 as Queensland's final-ever overseas player in 1987/88.

It was a stint that ended controversially.

In the build up to the Sheffield Shield final against Western Australia, he was involved in a heated discussion amongst teammates including Allan Border on the flight to the WACA.

A passenger who complained about his language also accused Botham of assaulting him. The England legend was arrested and then sacked after the final,

which Queensland lost, and fined \$300,000.

## Tom Graveney (1970/71)

The England, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire legend made 138 runs at 17.25 in seven Sheffield Shield matches during a stint as Queensland's player-coach, when he was 43.

## Matt Renshaw (2015-present)

Queensland's most recent English-born player is Australia's latest batting star, who has scored 479 Test runs at 53.22 since his November debut. Born in Middlesbrough, the 20 year-old moved to New Zealand aged seven before

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## Shield 'Britons'



his family arrived in Australia three years later.

**TASMANIA**  
**John Hampshire (1967/68, 1978/79)**

An England international who won eight Test caps, he played for Tasmania under the captaincy of Lancashire legend Jack Simmons. Was a member of Tasmania's 1978/79 Gillette Cup winning squad and scored 1079 first-class runs for the state at 46.91. Played for Yorkshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire before becoming a first-class umpire. Died earlier

this month, aged 76, after a long illness.

**Jack Simmons (1972-79)**  
Played 19 first-class matches for his adopted state, all as captain.

The Lancashire legend led Tasmania into first-class status and the Sheffield Shield for the first time in 1977/78.

Now 75, he has been chairman of Lancashire CCC since 1998 and Chairman of Cricket for the England and Wales Cricket Board since January 2008.

**Alan Knott (1969-70)**

England wicketkeeping legend scored a two half-centuries in

a four-match stint with Tasmania during a season playing club cricket alongside the father of Hampshire and Tasmania star George Bailey's dad John.

**Roland Butcher (1982/83)**  
Middlesex opener made 423 runs at 24.88 in the Sheffield Shield, a year after becoming the first black player to play for England.

**Richard Ellison (1986/87)**  
Kent seamer took 23 first-class wickets at 28.08 for Tasmania (and scored 279 runs at 25.36) a year after helping England win the 1985 Ashes.

**Neil Williams (1983/84)**

The former Middlesex and Essex seamer took 21 wickets at 33.19 in six Sheffield Shield matches. Played one Test. Died of pneumonia in 2006, aged 43.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**Gladstone Small (1985/86)**

Took 37 Sheffield Shield wickets at 31.94 apiece a year before his man of the match performance in the fourth Ashes Test helped Mike Gatting's 1986/87 England tourists reclaim the urn. SA's first English player since their legendary all-rounder Jack Crawford (1909-14) ● Adil Rashid has played T20 for South Australia but not Sheffield Shield.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**Tony Lock (1962-71)**

The last few years of the legendary Surrey and England spinner's first-class career were spent with Western Australia, for whom the slow left-arm took 302 wickets at 23.87.

Became the first bowler since World War II to take 50 or more wickets in a Sheffield Shield season.

Died of cancer in Perth, aged 65, in 1995 after being cleared of allegations of sexual abuse.

**Peter Loader (1963)**

The former Surrey and England fast bowler played a solitary match for WA, his last first-class appearance, after emigrating to Perth, before taking up umpiring.

**Colin Milburn (1966-69)**

The Northants legend cored 1,382 Sheffield Shield runs at 55.28, including 243 against Queensland at Brisbane in November 1968.

**Vic Marks (1986/87)**

Somerset's off-spinning all-rounder helped WA to win the Sheffield Shield in his one season at the WACA, by taking 30 wickets at 31.83 and scoring 370 runs at 46.25, following a six-Test England career.

**Alan Mullally (1988-90)**

Born in Southend but brought up in Perth, 'Spider' took 26 Sheffield Shield wickets at 47.6 in 12 matches for his home state before beginning his county career with the first of two spells at Hampshire, either side of winning two County Championship titles with Leicestershire.

**Martin McCague (1991-92)**

Ireland-born, Aussie-raised fast bowler took 32 Sheffield Shield wickets at 33.93 before his three Tests against Australia for England in 1993/94.

**Steven Herzberg (1992-94)**

Born in Surrey, the former Worcestershire, Kent and Somerset player moved to Australia when he was nine and went on to play eight Sheffield Shield matches, including two for Western Australia and six for Tasmania

## Carbs & Fidel start well

Michael Carberry made a half-century in his first innings since his cancer scare and Fidel Edwards took a wicket with the first ball of his comeback against Nottinghamshire in Barbados.

Carberry, who was diagnosed with cancer last July, shared an opening stand of 84 with Jimmy Adams before he was dismissed by Jake Libby for an 80-ball 58 (nine fours, one six).

Adams and Lewis McManus followed Carberry's lead with half-centuries as Hampshire made 295-3 in reply to Notts' 279-3.

Adams made 86 (209 balls, 12 fours, one six) before retiring. He shared a fourth-wicket stand of 75 with McManus, who faced 118 balls for his unbeaten 76, which included 12 fours.

Wicketkeeper-batsman McManus added an unbroken 78 in 21 overs with Gareth Berg, whose 43-ball 39 not out featured six fours.

Samit Patel (19-3-69-2) took the only Hampshire wickets to fall on day two; Will Smith (22) and Sean Ervine (11).

The former England slow left-arm then top scored with 59 as Notts made 121-3 in their second innings, before he was bowled by former Notts team-



Michael Carberry

mate Smith.

Edwards took a wicket with his first delivery for Hampshire in 11 months at the beginning of Notts' second innings.

The 35-year-old fast bowler bowled Riki Wessels with his first ball for the county since recovering from the broken ankle he suffered at Headingley last April.

Edwards (5-2-15-1) shared the new ball with new signing Kyle Abbott (6-1-24-1), who bowled former England wicketkeeper Chris Read (14), before Notts closed on 121-3.

Ex-Hampshire batsman Michael Lumb top scored with 77 in Notts' first innings, captain Steven Mullaney having retired on 76.

Brad Wheal (10-40-1), new signing Asher Hart (10-0-52-1) and off-spinner Brad Taylor (20-3-94-2) took the four wickets.

Hart bowled Lumb after Taylor bowled England's Alex Hales for a 39-ball 49 (nine fours, one six).

Ryan Stevenson (10-2-36-0) was the most economical Hampshire bowler in his first game since recovering from a stress fracture of the back.

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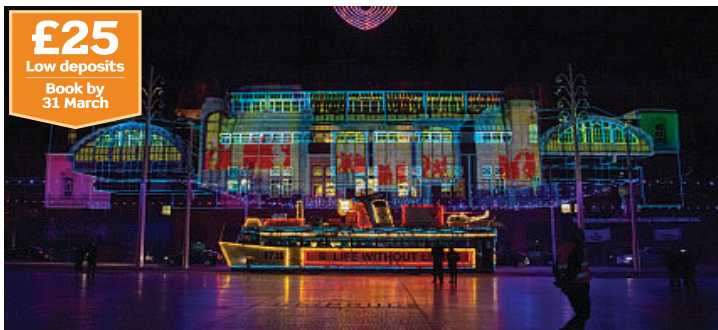
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## Premier League

AFC Bournemouth	L	Swansea	L
Crystal Palace	1	Watford	0
Everton	4	Hull	0
Stoke	1	Chelsea	2
Sunderland	0	Burnley	0
W.B.A.	3	Arsenal	1
West Ham	2	Leicester	2

HOME	AWAY
Chelsea 28 12 0 1 36 8	10 3 2 23 13 69
Tottenham 27 12 2 0 33 7	4 6 3 20 13 56
Man City 27 7 5 1 23 13	10 0 4 30 16 56
Liverpool 28 10 3 1 36 13	6 4 4 24 22 55
Arsenal 27 9 2 2 26 13	6 3 5 30 21 50
Everton 29 10 4 1 34 10	4 4 6 17 20 50
Man Utd 26 6 7 1 20 10	7 3 2 19 12 49
W.B.A. 29 9 2 4 27 18	3 5 6 12 20 43
Stoke 29 6 5 4 19 17	3 4 7 14 25 36
SAINTS 26 5 3 4 14 14	4 3 7 18 20 33
West Ham 29 5 3 7 17 27	4 3 7 23 25 33
Burnley 29 9 2 3 22 12	0 3 12 9 30 32
Watford 28 5 4 5 21 23	3 3 4 8 17 20 50
Bournemouth 28 6 3 5 24 23	2 3 9 16 31 30
Leicester 28 6 3 4 22 18	1 3 10 15 31 27
Crystal P 28 4 1 9 15 20	4 3 7 21 28 28
Swansea 28 5 2 7 21 30	3 1 10 15 31 27
Hull 29 5 4 5 19 23	1 2 12 7 35 24
Middlesbrough 27 3 4 6 11 14	1 6 7 8 16 22
Sunderland 27 3 4 6 14 26	2 1 10 10 24 20

## SkyBet Championship

Birmingham	0	Newcastle	0
Blackburn	2	Preston North End	2
Barnsley	3	Brentford	5
Burton Albion	3	Barnsley	0
Cardiff	3	Ipswich	1
Fulham	1	Wolves	3
Leeds Utd	L	Brighton	L
Norwich	2	Barnsley	0
Nottm For	2	Derby City	2
Q.P.R.	5	Rotherham	1
Sheff Wed	3	Sheff Wed	3
Wigan	0	A. Villa	2

HOME	AWAY
Newcastle 38 11 2 5 38 20	13 4 3 32 12 78
Brighton 37 14 3 2 40 11	9 5 4 23 20 77
Huddersfield 37 13 2 3 27 16	9 3 7 20 27 61
Reading 38 12 5 2 28 14	8 2 9 23 35 67
Leeds Utd 37 12 3 4 24 12	8 3 7 26 24 66
Sheff Wed 38 12 2 5 30 18	6 6 5 27 18 62
Fulham 38 8 7 5 38 29	8 6 4 28 18 61
Norwich 38 12 4 3 41 18	4 5 10 24 38 57
Preston N.E. 38 10 4 5 32 21	5 8 6 21 26 57
Derby City 38 8 7 4 24 16	6 4 9 17 22 53
Barnsley 38 6 7 6 29 30	6 2 9 26 25 51
A. Villa 38 9 7 2 27 16	4 5 11 12 23 51
Cardiff 38 9 4 7 28 23	5 5 8 25 31 51
Brentford 38 7 5 6 30 21	7 7 10 30 36 50
Q.P.R. 38 8 4 8 26 28	6 4 8 20 23 50
Wolves 37 5 3 9 20 26	7 6 7 26 22 45
Ipswich 38 6 9 4 23 21	4 6 9 15 26 45
Birmingham 38 7 5 8 22 27	4 7 7 16 27 45
Bristol C 38 8 4 7 25 21	3 4 12 25 32 41
Nottm For 38 9 4 6 34 27	2 4 13 19 37 47
Burton Albion 38 8 3 8 22 22	2 8 9 17 31 41
Blackburn 38 7 7 6 27 27	2 6 10 19 30 44
Wigan 38 3 6 10 12 21	5 4 10 19 23 34
Rotherham 38 4 4 10 20 29	0 1 19 13 58 17

## SkyBet League One

Bolton	2	Northampton	1
Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Utd	0

Bradford	2	Swindon	1
Bristol R	2	Chesterfield	1
Fleetwood Town	0	AFC Wimbledon	0
Millwall	0	Bury	0
M.K. Dons	1	Coventry	0
Oxford Utd	2	Scunthorpe	1
Peterborough	1	Oldham	1
Rochdale	4	Gillingham	1
Sheff Utd	2	Charlton	1
Southend	3	Walsall	2

HOME	AWAY
Bradford 38 13 5 3 32 14	10 6 3 41 29 78
Bristol R 37 12 5 3 32 16	8 4 5 24 16 69
Fleetwood T 38 11 7 2 33 19	8 4 6 22 17 68
Bradford 38 12 0 31 17	8 6 5 21 19 66
Scunthorpe 38 10 6 3 36 18	8 4 8 30 28 64
Southend 38 9 7 3 34 24	7 5 7 24 23 60
Millwall 36 11 6 3 28 13	5 6 6 22 28 59
Oxford Utd 39 11 6 3 36 22	4 6 9 22 36 57
Bristol R 37 8 4 6 21 19	8 3 8 28 23 55
Rochdale 36 11 4 3 38 20	4 4 10 17 31 53
Walsall 39 10 4 5 31 23	3 10 7 16 25 53
Peterborough 39 7 6 7 32 29	7 4 8 22 25 52
Wimbledon 37 6 5 31 21	5 9 6 18 25 51
Northampton 39 9 2 8 33 26	5 10 24 37 49
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Chesterfield 39 6 5 8 23 30	2 4 14 14 33 37
Coventry 38 6 6 8 16 22	1 5 14 14 37 26

## SkyBet League Two

Cheltenham	0	Cambridge	1
Crewe	2	Colchester	0
Grimsbury	1	Crawley	1
Hartlepool	0	Wycombe	2
Leyton O	1	Doncaster	4
Luton	1	Exeter	1
Mansfield	2	Carlisle	0
Newport County	1	Blackpool	3
Plymouth	1	Morecambe	0
Stevenage	3	POMPEY	0
Yeovil	1	Acc Stanley	1

HOME	AWAY
Doncaster 38 13 5 0 38 17	10 3 4 37 27 78
Plymouth 38 11 3 6 33 26	11 3 4 25 14 72
POMPEY 38 10 3 5 34 14	9 5 6 25 20 65
Stevenage 38 10 1 8 41 28	9 3 7 23 24 61
Luton 37 8 6 5 30 22	7 8 3 24 12 59
Carlisle 38 9 6 4 30 28	6 8 5 26 28 59
Crewe 38 6 4 8 26 20	7 4 8 34 24 58
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Mansfield 38 9 6 5 29 17	5 7 6 16 25 55
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Colchester 38 11 2 3 34 25	4 7 9 19 25 54
Cambridge 37 6 4 9 24 26	4 4 5 24 16 53
Grimsbury 38 5 7 5 24 22	7 4 8 21 25 51
Barnet 37 4 9 6 21 26	7 6 6 25 26 48
Morecambe 37 6 11 19 30	7 6 6 25 26 48
Acc Stanley 37 6 5 28 22	4 6 8 17 25 45
Yeovil 38 7 7 6 21 21	11 3 8 7 18 27 45
Crewe 38 6 6 7 25 21	5 6 8 18 33 45
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Notts City 37 4 7 8 19 26	7 10 11 22 39 40
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## Ladbrokes Scottish Prem

Aberdeen	2	Hearts	0
Inverness CT	1	Ross Cnty	1
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Rangers	4	Hamilton	0

HOME	AWAY
Celtic 28 14 1 0 37 12	1 0 37 12 80
Aberdeen 29 11 3 1 32 8	7 1 6 21 16 58
Rangers 29 9 4 1 24 9	5 4 6 18 24 50
St Johnstn 29 5 3 6 20 21	7 4 4 19 16 43
Hearts 29 8 4 3 32 11	3 4 7 18 26 41
Partick 29 4 5 6 17 18	4 5 5 14 16 34
Kilmarnock 29 3 5 6 15 19	4 6 5 13 26 32
Dundee 28 5 4 5 17 16	3 2 9 14 23 30
Ross Cnty 29 3 4 7 17 26	3 6 6 14 22 28
Motherwell 29 3 2 9 18 30	4 4 7 15 27 27
Inverness CT 29 3 7 5 21 26	1 5 8 12 27 24
Hamilton 29 4 6 4 16 16	0 6 9 10 31 24

## Ladbrokes Scottish Ch'ship

Dunfermline	0	Ayr Utd	1
Falkirk	0	Morton	1
Hibernian	2	Dumbarton	2
Queen's Park	0	St Mirren	2
Raith	2	Dundee Utd	1

HOME	AWAY
Hibernian 28 6 6 1 26 11	9 4 2 18 8 55
Falkirk 28 7 4 3 26 17	6 5 3 22 14 48
Morton 28 6 5 0 19 9	4 4 5 19 18 45
Dunfermline 28 8 4 1 22 11	4 4 7 16 20 44
Queen's Park 29 5 3 7 20 24	4 5 5 16 17 35
Dunfermline 28 4 6 4 22 21	3 5 6 14 17 32
Raith 29 6 4 5 17 18	2 4 8 11 22 32
Dumbarton 29 4 6 5 16 17	3 4 7 23 30 31
Ayr Utd 28 3 3 8 11 25	3 7 4 15 19 28
St Mirren 29 3 5 7 12 20	3 4 7 19 26 27

## Ladbrokes Scottish Lge 1

Airdrieonians	1	Stenhousemuir	0
Albion R.	0	Peterhead	0
East Fife	0	Alloa	0
Queen's Park	1	Brechin	1
Stranraer	0	Livingston	1

HOME	AWAY
Livingston 28 8 1 4 28 12	10 2 3 32 16 57
Alloa 28 6 4 4 25 17	7 5 2 28 17 48
East Fife 28 7 4 4 21 14	4 5 4 15 16 42
Brechin 28 6 2 5 18 15	7 1 7 18 19 42
Airdrieonians 28 6 2 7 21 28	7 1 6 26 27 42
Queen's Park 28 5 4 6 14 19	5 3 5 14 20 37
Stranraer 29 5 3 7 22 23	4 3 7 15 19 33
Peterhead 29 3 4 7 19 23	5 4 6 16 22 32
Albion R 27 4 3 6 16 18	4 4 6 16 22 31
Stenhousemuir 28 4 3 7 19 30	4 2 8 19 24 29

## Ladbrokes Scottish Lge 2

Berwick	2	Arbroath	2
Clyde	3	Edinburgh City	1
Cowdenbath	0	Montrose	2
Elgin	1	Forfar	1
Stirling A.	1	Annan Athletic	0

## HOME AWAY

HOME	AWAY
Forfar 29 7 4 3 30 20	9 4 2 27 19 56
Arbroath 29 7 5 3 27 14	8 5 1 24 13 55
Elgin 29 7 3 4 31 17	7 2 6 27 16 47
Annan Ath 29 9 1 4 25 16	5 3 7 21 29 46
Stirling A 29 6 5 4 19 18	4 4 6 24 29 39
Montrose 29 3 5 7 17 29	7 3 4 18 17 38
Benwick 29 5 3 7 25 28	3 5 6 15 26 32
Clyde 28 6 3 4 25 21	2 3 10 15 29 30
Edinburgh City 29 2 5 7 14 19	5 4 6 14 19 30
Cowdenbath 28 3 2 10 12 22	3 3 7 19 28 23

## FA Trophy Semi-Final Second Leg

Lincoln City	L	York	L
Tranmere	L	Macclesfield	L

## Vanarama National League

HOME	AWAY
Aldershot 29 7 5 3 27 14	8 5 1 24 13 55
Sutton Utd	0
Barrow	2
Boreham W	0
Braintree Town	2
Chester FC	0
Eastleigh	1
Dover	1
Forest Grn	3
Gateshead	2
N Ferriby	1
Soihull Moors	4

HOME	AWAY
Lincoln City 34 11 4 2 37 14	11 2 4 30 18 72
Forest Grn 37 10 8 1 40 21	11 1 6 37 24 72
Tranmere 35 11 2 3 23 13	9 5 5 28 18 67
Dagenham 37 10 3 6 29 25	11 1 6 33 18 67
Gateshead 38 9 8 2 35 16	9 3 7 29 22 65
Dover 37 11 4 4 24 24	8 2 8 28 35 63
Aldershot 38 12 4 3 31 11	5 7 7 19 22 62
Barrow 37 11 6 2 32 13	5 6 7 22 24 61
Macclesfield 34 8 2 7 24 17	8 4 5 22 18 54
Wrexham 38 10 4 5 21 18	4 6 9 16 30 52
Boreham W 38 7 5 18 10	5 6 8 20 23 49
EASTLEIGH 38 7 5 7 24 22	5 6 8 24 27 49
Bromley 38 9 2 8 24 31	5 5 9 21 28 49
Solihull Moors 37 3 8 30 29	6 6 7 22 24 48
Chester FC 36 8 3 7 32 23	4 7 7 22 26 46
Guisley 38 9 5 5 30 23	3 4 12 15 32 45
Braintree Tn 38 5 4 10 19 29	7 5 7 27 31 45
Sutton Utd 36 10 4 4 25 19	2 4 12 14 30 44
Maldestone U36 6 3 9 25 36	5 4 9 19 27 40
Torquay 37 7 5 7 27 23	3 4 11 14 28 39
Woking 38 7 6 6 26 24	3 2 14 25 44 38
York 36 5 7 6 22 21	1 8 9 14 35 33
N Ferriby 38 5 2 12 12 28	5 1 13 12 32 33
Southport 37 5 4 9 27 37	3 3 13 14 42 31

## Vanarama National Lge Sh

Dartford	5	Truro City	3
East Thurrock	2	Oxford C.	1
Eastbourne Borough	1	Bath City	2
Ebbw Vale	2	Weston-S-Mare	1
Gosport Borough	4	St Albans	0
H Hempstead	2	Margate	2
Hungerford Town	2	Concord Rgs	1
Maidenhead Utd	3	Welling U.	0
Poole Town	3	Hampton & Richmond	3
Walsingham	1	Chelmsford	0
Whitehawk	1	B Stortford	0

## Vanarama National Lge Nth

AFC Fylde	2	Kidderminster	2
AFC Telford	1	Bradford Pk Ave	3
Alfreton Town	2	FC United of Man	1
Altrincham	0	Stalybridge	0
Curzon Ashton	2	Nuneaton	1
Darlington 1883	1	Brackley	0
FC Halifax	0	Gloucester	1
Harrgate Town	2	Chorley	1
Salford City	1	Stockport County	1
Tamworth	1	Gainsboro	1
Worcester	0	Boston	2

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